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'Iron Fist' Policy

By Jonathan C. Randal

Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Israel cracked

down Thursday on the Palestinian

press, detaining five journalists, in-

luding a prominent newspaper.

editor once endorsed as a delegate

The press clampdown came after the deportation to Lebanon on

Wednesday of four Palestinians ac-

cused of inciting the disturbances that since Dec. 9 have opposed Is-

rael's 20-year occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Both moves appeared part of Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin's

"iron fist" policy designed to re-establish calm in the occupied terri-

tories, which passed a relatively

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eral strike in much of the West

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For the first time since Jan. 7.

[The Lebanese police said that

military sources reported no deaths

connected with the disturbances.

in Middle East peace talks.

Trade Data: U.S. Numbers Game

By John Mechan and Herald Tribune SUITLAND, Maryland -From the outside, the U.S. Census

Bureau's squat, white brick headquarters resembles any number of nondescript government buildings, the debate among experts, in and that have cropped up in Washing out of government, about the accu-Dur once a month, in an office sus officials for improving the re-

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This is not to say that the U.S.

Instead, they express concern that financial markets are overretional product.

The margin for error in the monthly delicit, many economists contend, can be as high as \$2 billion, hardly noteworthy given the heavy volume of U.S. trade but certainly an uncomfortable range in financial markets.

"I forecast \$15.3 billion for November," said Allen Sinai, chief by other nations. Most analysts say economist for Boston Co. "But I'm

SDR plan, which was unveiled

Reagan announced new joint ef-

forts with Japan to stabilize curren-

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able but also because other curren-

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ures to be released Friday.

lion, which is dangerous."

Don Adams, director of the Census Bureau's foreign trade division and the man in charge of compiling the monthly statistics, admits that there are problems. "We already have taken several steps to to improve the quality of the figures," he

In many ways, the sheer magnitude of the task makes the system vulnerable, experts say. Évery month, customs agents at the 350 designated ports of entry around

U.S. Resolve on Dollar Stiffens But Analysis See Reserves Swap as a Halfhearted Defense

Economic experts said that the

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offer showed some stiffening of

U.S. resolve to stabilize exchange

rates, but stopped short of a total

commitment to the dollar's de-

fense. "I'm still not sure their

an economist at Phillips & Drew, a

Many private analysts believe that the United States should take

For Latin Americans,

Berto Hedler, a Brazilian travel about 30 percent higher.

The Dollar Still Reigns

London brokerage.

America it is still king.

"The dollar's continuing strength is partly psychological and partly lack of information," said

agent. "We have passengers who

are going to Germany and insist on

buying dollars, even when they could buy marks at exchange deal-

ers here more cheaply than in Ger-

enough marks, yen, francs, guilders

and pounds circulating in South

America to meet market needs. An-

other is that the continent histori-

cally is a "dollar area," and there

Local currencies are closely

linked, by official exchange rates or black market trading, to the U.S. currency. As the dollar falls or

rises, such currencies as the Brazil-

ian cruzado and the Peruvian sol

there was some interest in Europe-

an currencies," said a Brazilian money dealer. "But in the southern

cone of South America, the dollar

is the starting point for all currency

Another money dealer agreed.
"The dollar is a habit," he said.

"We see some increased interest

now in European currencies by

smart investors, but it will take time to change the market."

The dollar's strength seems folk-

loric at times. The currency still has

magic. It is praised in popular

sayings and symbolizes specula-

like the crizzado," goes a slogan

painted on some truck bumpers in

Brazil. On a wall in central Rio de

Janeiro, an anonymous muralist

has painted a huge dollar sign, sur-

rounded by prostrated himan fig-ures, like Muslims praying, under the title: "Enough of Speculation."

"I go up like the dollar and down

'deals."

"When the dollar fell 35 percent,

has been no shift toward a stronger

One reason is that there are not

By Reginald Dale monal Herald Tribune PARIS — By signaling its readiness to take the unusual step of selling part of its official reserves to

Japan if necessary, the United States has extended its commitment to defend the dollar against a new wave of speculative attack. Market analysts and monetary

officials, however, expressed caution Thursday about the plan, under which Washington would acquire Japanese yen to support the dollar in exchange for special drawing rights. SDRs are special paper assets held by the United States in is account with the International metary Fund.

Kiosk **Seoul Identifies** Woman on Jet

SEOUL (AP) — A woman who left a Korean Air jetliner RIO DE JANEIRO — The dol-before it cannot may the Hair thay be brocking before the rate because extomers are scarce. Buting before in November and Swooning be-with 115 people on board was a Deutsche mark and swooning be-brocking before the rate because extomers are scarce. In Brazil, travelers are allowed to buy up to \$1,000 at the official rate who left a Korean Air jetliner North Korean agest trained in terrorism, state television re-

ported Thursday. The television, KBS, quoted government sources as saying the woman is Kim Yoon Hee, 27. She disclosed her family background and that she was trained in terrorism by North Korea, the report said. A government statement on the case is expected Friday: The woman had traveled on a

false Japanese passport under the name Mayumi Hachiya. She has been questioned about the case since her extradition from Bahrain on Dec. 16.

NYSE Curtails Block Trading

NEW YORK (Reuters) -The New York Stock Excha asked its member firms Thursday to curtail program trading when the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks reaches a high or low of 75 points from the previous day's close.

The NYSE said the request would go into effect Friday, when the U.S. trade report for November is expected to have a major impact on the market, and continue for the six sessions through Jan. 22.



Ronald Li, former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, was charged under the colony's Prevention of Bribery ordinance. Page 11.

General News

Iran has received Silkworm missiles through North Korea, U.S. sources say. The collapse of merger talks has thrown Britain's political center

Travel

A memorable trip up Mount Kilimanjaro.



The Dollar

DM 1.6295 Pound 1.8285 The New England Journal of Medicine, is certain to Yen 126.05 effects of the competitive and aggressive behavior comes to heart disease."

The November statistics will be released Friday morning.
But what is less well publicized is

have become the subject of a ingly intractable U.S. trade deficit. itive for the market, or \$16.5 bil-

acting each month to calculations for Bank of America in San Franrarely revised, as are other signifi- some numbers in his desk," he said.

Like the U.S. money supply data the results, examined over time, are in the early 1980s, the trade figures an acceptable measure of the seem-

Dale Larsen, a senior economist that are undermined by antiquated cisco, prefers the quarterly figures customs techniques, spotty report- that are published by the Coming and statistical methods that merce Department but are virtually se questions about the size of the ignored by the financial communi deficit in any one month. Moreover, the monthly trade figures are cause some clerk may discover

said. "And more will be done."

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U.S. Official **Faults Japan** Trade Offer Reagan administration officials the further step of issuing bonds said that the SDR plan was "a way to stabilize the market should it be necessary, a way for the U.S. government to get its hands on addirections."

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputche WASHINGTON - Clayton K. Yeutter, President Ronald Rea-Foreign exchange markets paid gan's special trade representative, little attention Thursday to the said Thursday that a proposal by Japan to open its construction mar-Wednesday after President Ronald kets to American companies did not meet U.S. needs and that retaliatory sanctions might be imposed. Mr. Yeutter's comments in a ra-

hearts are in it," said Chris Johns, stead worrying over U.S. trade fig-posal On Wednesday in Washington, Japanese officials, who want to Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita of Japan told Mr. Reagan that he would do all he could to resolve the impasse in the construction market

> On Thursday in a speech to jour nalists, Mr. Takeshita promised that Japan would take steps to reduce its huge trade surplus with the United States. However, he declined to describe specific meaother currencies are far less avail-

Speaking to a standing-roomonly audience at the National Press Club, Mr. Takeshita also portrayed his country as assuming its new role

"I intend to make Japan a nation for trips abroad. Any additional contributing more to the world," he foreign currency must be purchased from private dealers at the said. He emphasized the imporblack market rate, which is usually about 30 percent higher.

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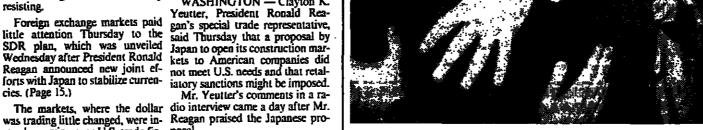
Take or U.S.-Japanese and acknowledged: "The prosperity president, Chiang Crung-kuo.

According to the official Xinhua news agency. Mr. Zhao praised Mr. Chiang for standing for the reunification." tance of U.S.-Japanese relations

Finding ways to reduce the U.S. trade deficit with Japan has been traded for cruzados through a hotel doorman or clerk, who usually take the central economic issue between a profit for themselves, or from the two countries. The U.S. con-Major money traders set the black market exchange rates, working out of inconspicuous offices.

Although the money traders set the struction industry is seeking access to the multibillion-dollar Japanese public works market, but U.S. officials claim that Japanese restric-Although the trading is illegal, it is

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JOYFUL IRANIAN DISSIDENTS — Members of the families of Iranian hunger strikers celebrating Thursday near Paris, after the French government announced that 15 Iranians and Turkish refugees deported to Gabon in December would be allowed to return to France or Spain. France said Thursday that the 15 would be deported again if they violated rules on asylum. Page 5.

China Sends Condolences to Taiwan As Zhao Praises Chiang's Policies

By Daniel Southerland Washington Post Service

branch to old enemies, the Chinese the mainland and Taiwan Communist Party leader, Zhao Thursday over the death of the island's staunchly anti-Communist

cation of Taiwan with the Chinese mainland and for making efforts to relieve tensions between the two

between the two sides. He reaf-firmed Beijing's advocacy of a "Shocked to learn of the passing BEIJING - Extending an olive "peaceful reunification" between away of Mr. Chiang Ching-kuo.

Ziyang, sent an extraordinary mes-sage of condolence to Taiwan on

Some analysts fear infighting or a coup in Taiwan following Chiang's death. Page 6.

Committee of the Kuomintang, Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party. It expressed shock at the death of Beijing's longtime foe, who died

-We would-like to express our deep -Xinhua said the Communist Par- condolences and sincere sympathy

> China's national television network opened its program Thursday protests. evening with unprecedented coverage of Mr. Chiang's life. It devoted two minutes to describing the message of condolences and showing films from Mr. Chiang's speeches and other activities that have never and the United States as a Palestin-

been seen on the mainland before. ian delegate to peace talks that The television announcers had nothing negative to say about Mr.

four West Bank Palestinians deported by Israel were handed over Thursday to a Palestinian guerrilla faction aligned with Syria, The Associated Press reported.

[At the United Nations in New York, the Security Council called on Israel to allow the deported Palestinians to return to their homes in the West Bank. The resolution was adopted, 14-0, with the United States abstaining.]

Israeli journalists suggested that the aim of the clampdown on the Palestinian press was to shut off news from the occupied territories that the Israeli-censored Palestin-

ian press often passed on to Israeli and foreign reporters. Paradoxically, persistent unconfirmed reports also suggested that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's wing of the national coalition government was using Palestinian

journalists as sounding boards and conduits to shadowy figures now directing the demonstrations and

eventually fell through. He was questioned for five hours

Mr. Zhao called on Mr. Chiang's successors in the Taiwan leadership to promote what he described as "the promising momentum" beginning to appear in the relationship of the mainland nearly four decades ago.

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The officials said the United

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officials to explore compromises on

George P. Shultz and Foreign Min-

Mr. Shultz and Mr. Shevard-

nadze are to meet three times be-

fore a summit meeting between

President Ronald Reagan and Mik-

hail S. Gorbachev in Moscow,

which officials expect to be held in

May or June. Some administration

are not overwhelmingly great" that

the two sides could complete a trea-

The two sides have worked out

ty before the summit meeting.



The dollar is the currency of the Alexei A. Obukhov, left, the head of the Soviet team at the new Max M. Kampelman, center, the chief of the U.S. delegation, and tourist-industry, in part because round of nuclear weapons reduction talks in Geneva, welcoming Henry F. Cooper to a luncheon on Thursday at the Soviet Mission.

Warhead Limit at Issue As Arms Talks Resume

GENEVA - U.S. and Soviet ducing long-range nuclear arms in

arms control negotiators opened a the new round of talks, Reagan new round of talks on Thursday administration officials said intended to conclude a treaty to cut Wednesday. intercontinental nuclear forces by 50 percent in time for the Moscow States would repeat its proposal for summit meeting planned for later a limit of 3,300 on the number of his year. warheads on land-based missiles. The first meeting, a luncheon at and would repeat its demand for a

which the Russians played host, ban on mobile missiles, took place in a "constructive and" But some administra cordial atmosphere," the U.S. cials said they expected American spokesman, Terry Shroeder, said. He said that in the two-and-a- these issues in this round and to try half-hour session both sides dis-cussed "the modalities of how to ing scheduled next month in Mosproceed" with the talks. He did not cow between Secretary of State The delegations are headed by ister Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

Alexei A. Obukhov for the Soviet Union and Max M. Kampelman for the United States.

■ U.S. to Stick to Position Michael R. Gordon of The New York Times reported earlier from

The United States will stick to

officials say they view the meetings

between the foreign ministers as the principal means for resolving Edward L. Rowny, a conservative adviser to President Reagan, said Wednesday that the "chances

Aggressive Men Cope Best With Heart Disease, Study Finds

By Michael Specter

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Challenging one of the more popular notions of modern health care, researchers

say they have found evidence that men with harddriving "Type A" personalities are almost twice as likely to survive heart disease as those who are less The study also questions the theory that Type A

behavior leads to a higher risk of heart disease, a theory that has led millions of Americans to change their life styles. "The results really summed us," said Dr. David R.

Raeland an epidemiologist at the University of California at Berkeley. "Changing Type A behavior may prove to have no beneficial effect, and there is some evidence that it will even be harmful." The study, which appears in Thursday's issue of

patient and secure, rarely letting minor problems Dr. Ragland and Dr. Richard J. Brand studied 257

men of both personality types who were identified as having heart disease. Over a 13-year period, the Type A men were only 58 percent as likely as the others to die from heart disease.

Previous studies have suggested that behavior modification programs among Type A men who had suffered heart attacks would cut their risk of a second attack in half. But the definition and importance of Type A

can apply to groups of people.

Dr. Ragland said, "It might be that what is good add fuel to the continuing debate over the health for one person is disastrous for another when it

that describes the Type A personality. In contrast, His study found that in the short term, Type A tors often disagree on how to measure Type A, how "Type B" personalities are described more often as and Type B patients died of heart disease at the same to treat it or whether it really exists. rate. Among the 231 cases who survived for at least

> heart disease. They may be better at changing their diets and habits. And because Type A people are often considered leaders, they might have had a better ability to take charge of their medical situa-

suggested that the feelings of hostility and aggression harbored by Type A personalities led to the extra secretion of certain hormones. That, in turn, causes unacceptable increases in blood pressure and heart rate that can lead to coronary heart disease. Recently, however, research has challenged the traditional wisdom that Type A behavior would lead a person to an increased risk of heart disease. DocIn an editorial also published in Thursday's New

England Journal, Dr. Joel F. Dimsdale writes that the new research "presents such a startling conclusion that it is appropriate to reassess the legacy of studies on Type A behavior." Although previous data from the Western Collab-

orative Group Study, which followed 3,154 healthy men for eight and a half years, provided support for the view that Type A men were at increased risk for heart disease, Dr. Dimsdale wrote that the current information "casts a long shadow indeed" over the But Dr. Meyer W. Friedman, who wrote the

original research on Type A behavior and remains one of its most forceful believers, called the new research flawed. "They did not classify the people properly." he said. "We have found very clearly that Type A

the outlines of an agreement reducing long-range arms but still have important differences over the U.S.-proposed ban on mobile missiles, the question of what limits should be placed on land-based missiles and other matters. On mobile missiles, some admin-

istration officials said several compromise positions had been considered within the administration. The administration is said to have considered proposals that would permit mobile missiles that travel on roads while banning those that travel by rail. An alternative plan would set an overall limit on mobile missiles of whatever type.

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behavior, and the relationship between personality and heart disease, have been disputed for more than 30 years. Many experts now say there is a complicated relationship, but they are not certain that rules

24 hours, however, the mortality rate for the 160 Type A men was far lower than for the 71 Type B The authors cite as one possible explanation that Type A survivors may respond more forcefully to

In the past, those who believe in Type A theories

behavior causes heart disease and that those who modify it are at reduced risk for heart attacks."

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North Korea **Sent Missiles** To Tehran

By Molly Moore Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A shipment of Chinese-made Silkworm missiles from North Korea is believed to have arrived Monday at an Iranian port, according to Reagan administration sources.

About half a dozen missiles and a launcher were spotted on the dock of a North Korean port where the Iranian merchant ship Iran Bayan was loading two weeks ago, according to intelligence reports.

When the ship sailed, the missiles and equipment were no longer on the wharf, indicating that they had been loaded on the ship, the

[China denied Thursday that it had sent Silkworm missiles to Iran, Reuters reported from Beijing. The Foreign Ministry announced, "We have already taken strict measures very early to prevent the flow of Chinese missiles into Iran through the international market."]

U.S. intelligence sources monitored the ship as it sailed from North Korea into Bandar Abbas, the Iranian port, sources said. U.S. officials reported two weeks

ago that they believed that China was sending Iran more Silkworm missiles or a newer, more deadly cruise missile that could be used in escalating the "tanker war" with Iraq in the Gulf.

Intelligence sources spotted crates of the new missiles on docks in North Korea but lost track of that shipment, the officials said. Defense Department officials said Wednesday that they did not be-lieve those missiles were part of the shipment received Monday. Silkworm missiles have been

considered a major threat to shipping in the Gulf, where the U.S. Navy has been escorting Americanflagged Kuwaiti tankers since July. An Iranian Silkworm attack on

an American-flagged ship in a Ku-waiti harbor prompted U.S. retalia-tion last October in which the navy destroyed Iranian platforms used in the Gulf for military operations.

U.S. officials have criticized China harshly for selling Silkworm missiles and other anti-ship weapons to Iran and decided late last year to delay transfers of high-technology items to China unless it

stopped such shipments.
China is Iran's largest weapons supplier and is believed to have sold Iran about 100 Silkworms in recent years, U.S. sources say. China also is a major supplier for Iraq. which has been at war with Iran since September 1980.

Iran has launched several Silkworms against lraqi land targets and hit two ships in Kuwaiti waters. Kuwait is an ally of Iraq.

Iran Ship Fires on Tanker An Iranian warship pumped rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire into a Dutch tanker, injuring two seamen and damaging the crew quarters. The Associated Press reported from Manama, Bah-

The 35,731-ton Petrobulk Pioneer was hit just outside Dubai's territorial waters at 4:55 A.M. and it later anchored near the port, where the injured men were taken to a hospital, witnesses and ship-

ping executives reported. The attack caused a minor fire on the ship, owned by Naess Ship-ping Holland BV, said shipping executives, who spoke on condition of anonymity. They said the 24man crew extinguished the flames.

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ed for only about \$2 million a day.

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The Brazilian police suspect that

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U.S. Believes Bonn Shuts Nuclear Plant Over Waste Shipments

down a nuclear processing facility cessing center. on Thursday in an uproar over illegal transportation of nuclear waste. Government sources also said that a Belgian company implicated in the affair might have resold ma-terial suitable for making nuclear

bombs to Libya and Pakistan. Federal Environment Minister Klaus Toepfer said that the Nukem GmbH nuclear fuel processing facility in Hanau was ordered closed because of evidence it had covered up the transportation of more than pected of having provided nuclear 2,000 barrels of highly toxic waste

by a subsidiary. The subsidiary, Transnuklear GmbH, lost its license to ship nuclear waste on Dec. 17 after investigators found that it had transport-

BONN — West Germany shut waste to and from a Belgian pro-

The waste included 321 barrels of plutonium, used in the making of atomic bombs. Transnuklear is accused of systernatically bribing safety inspec-

tors to enable it to ship the waste. Government sources in the state of Hesse, where the Nukem facility is situated, said that the nuclear processor in Mol, Belgium, that handled Nukem's waste was sus-

The sources said the material alleged to have been sold by the Bel- transport and processing of radiogian company was suited to the production of nuclear weapons.

materials to Libya and Pakistan.

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agency, is investigating suspected nuclear shipments to Pakistan and Libya through Switzerland, the one of several major nuclear fuel source said.

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program to build nuclear bombs Bonn's action against Nu with plutonium and other materials appeared intended in part to shore obtained abroad. Pakistan has de-

Mr. Toepfer said that the Nukem complex was being ordered to sus-veys have detected deep distrust pend operations immediately due since the April 1986 Chemobyl nuto evidence of "irregularities in the clear accident in the Soviet Union. active waste."

"Transnuklear had very close had violated its operating license The Christian Democrats, who

In Hanau, Nukem officials were Interpol, the international police not immediately available for com-

The Nukem complex in Hanau is manufacturers in a town that is one Western officials believe that Pa- of the West's most important sup-Bonn's action against Nukem

> up flagging public confidence in West Germany's large nuclear power industry. Public opinion sur-West Germany has 21 nuclear

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the said it appeared that Nukem third of the nation's electricity.

contacts with the Mol nuclear pro-by covering up illegal operations by cessing complex." a Hesse govern-Transnuklear. hold power in Bonn as well as Hes-se and several other states, back the want all nuclear power plants

closed. Assertions by the Greens party nuclear fuel producer, Alkem GmbH, were running unsafe operations and should be closed dominated the Hesse state election campaign in 1987.

■ Chernobyl Cost Is Revised The Soviet Politburo disclosed Thursday that the accident at the Parliament. Chernobyl nuclear power station reported earlier. The Associated Press reported from Moscow.

U.S. Faults Pakistan in **Export Case**

By David K. Shipler Ven York Times Service WASHINGTON - The State

Department has concluded that the Pakistani government was probably involved in a plot by a Paki-stani-born businessman to smuggle material for nuclear weapons out of the United States, according to U.S. officials.

But the department, in a memorandum to President Ronald Reagan, also recommended that the president issue a waiver of a law that would require a cutoff in aid to Pakistan, Reagan administration and congressional officials said

Wednesday.
As a result, there will be no sanctions against Pakistan, whose cooperation is deemed essential in providing bases and conveying military supplies to guerrillas fighting Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

The decision would clear the way for the payment of \$480 million in U.S. military and economic assistance to Pakistan this fiscal year. U.S. officials were in Pakistan earlier this week to discuss the details of the aid package, including a Pa-kistani request for several AWACS radar planes.

Congress approved the first portion of a new six-year, \$4 billion aid package for Pakistan after a long debate over whether and how the first time that major, older, middle-of-the-road members of the Palesnuclear arms race.

The State Department spokesman. Charles E. Redman, said Thursday that the administration He later met with Mr. Peres for a had made "no final decision" on Ghaith, former editor of Al Fajr. cent.

Mr. Zuhaika's home was raided at 2 A.M. and for two hours agents

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shad Z. Pervez, a Canadian businessman born in Pakistan, who was convicted in Philadelphia in December of trying to purchase and send to Pakistan 25 tons of a spestead as the Kuomintang chairman. cial steel alloy that can be used in Knomintang officials, mean-plants that make enriched uranium

than psychological warfare, or a with Mr. Pervez. But an adminis-United Front tactic, aimed at lur- tration official said the State Deing the nationalists into negotiation partment had determined that there was "an adequate body of The Communists have said free evidence and activity that estabquently that they would like to re- lishes that the government of Paki-

ambivalence in dealing with Paki-China has proposed that Taiwan stan on the nuclear issue.

country, two systems" model. Taipending on Pakistan as a route for
wan could keep its administration supplies to the Afghan guerrillas, and armed forces, Beijing says. has tried to avoid any actions that But the Kuomintang has adopt- would anger the Pakistani governed the "three no's" position of no ment. This explains the State Decontact, no compromise and no ne-partment's recommendation not to

Committee, said that Beijing's mes-sage of condolence is "their normal sponsored by Representative Stepractice," adding: "They never for- phen J. Solarz. Democrat of New York, that requires a halt in aid to a "On the one hand," Mr. Tai con-tinued, "they show sympathy and, gling. But the statute also permits on the other, they attempt to isolate the president to waive the cutoff in problem.

with a weaker president, which the specialists think Lee Teng-hui, Mr. (Continued from Page 1)

tions have made it nearly impossi

Mr. Yeutter said that Japan's Now no one person has absolute proposal did not make clear whethower in Taiwan."

er all Japanese projects would be Beijing's assessment is that Mr. open to U.S. bidding and also what Lee has little real power and will Japan means in suggesting the bids have to act with great caution when be made through joint ventures

"Our preliminary judgment is Under Mr. Chiang, Taiwan took that the proposal does not meet our a few tentative steps that appeared needs and that we're going to have to point toward a larger opening to some tough, hard negotiations the mainland. In November, Tai-ahead." Mr. Yeutter said.

He added: "We certainly are a the mainland, allowing tens of ways apart, and we'll have to make thousands of people on the island our own judgment whether retaliatory action will be needed to

U.S. agents arrested Sergeant and are increasingly doing so. They States Friday for an official visit to (AP, UPI)

■ EC Warns on Proposal

The European Community will not accept any U.S.-Japan agreement that allows only American companies to enter the Japanese construction market, the ambassador of the 12-nation group said Thursday in Tokyo, The Associated Press reported.

"Special deals being made behind closed doors and curtains are not easy for Europeans to accept." Ambassador Andries van Agt said,

WORLD BRIEFS

Extremists Attack Botha Party Rally

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - White-against-white violence The Social Democrats and Greens broken in South Africa, with neo-fascists disrupting a pally of the governing National Party as the country enters a series of chairing in which far-right proponents of apartheid are seeking greater power.

Tear gas and stink bombs were thrown Wednesday night many hours.

Assertions by the Greens party that Nukern and another Hanau nuclear fuel producer, Alkem National Party supporters and members of the white supremarks Africa. net Resistance Movement. About 200 members of the movement with a the meeting.

the meeting.

The movement supports the Conservative Party in a March Zelegian for a parliamentary seat in Standerton. The Conservatives, who opposite limited apartheid reforms introduced by President Pieter W. Rolling and Conservatives. won 23 seats in 1987. Political commentators say they may strength their base in municipal elections and in special elections for three states in

GENEVA (AP) — Dr. Hiroshi Nakajima of Japan, a specialis in psychopharmacology who joined the World Health Organization is 197

member Executive Board and announced later. It is subject to appear by the 166 member nations at the World Health Conference in Man when Dr. Mahler, 62, will complete his third five year term. He did no seek another term. Confirmation of Dr. Nakajima is considered a times

Bork Resigns From Federal Bench

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert H. Bork has resigned as a 115 appellate court judge, telling President Ronald Reagan he mans to "publicly respond" to the allegations that doomed his nomination to the Supreme Court, the White House announced.

unprecedented political attack upon you which resulted in the region

Senate action was a tragedy for our country."

The Senate on Oct. 3 rejected Judge Bork's nomination to the Santage Court by a 58-42 vote, culminating a tumultuous confirmation process.

Oslo and Moscow Talks Stalemated

way said that talks Thursday with the Soviet Union aimed at reading 13-year-old territorial dispute in the Barents Sea had not reading

Ryzhkov, the Soviet prime minister, that Soviet proposals had advance earlier ones rejected by Norway. Mr. Ryzhkov settled a dispute with Sweden earlier this week.

The Barents Sea, north of Norway, is home waters to the Sea Union's northern naval fleet and is believed to have rich oil denois Brundtland said: "An unresolved question of this importance will also

Moscow Backtracks on U.S. Adviser

Thursday that Moscow had no information about an American military adviser who was reported by Tass to have been killed in Afghanistan.

In a report issued on Dec. 28, the Soviet press agency said that "at least one American adviser" had died in fighting around the Afghan town of Khost. The U.S. State Department denied the report. On Thursday, Gennadi I. Gerasimov, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said: "We do not have any data about that person. We do not have any information I

In another development, Moslem rebels said Thursday that they had killed one of Afghanistan's highest-ranking military officers, General Imamuddin, during a recent three-week Soviet and Afghan government offensive. The offensive was aimed at lifting a guerrilla siege around Khost, The report could not be confirmed.

U.S. Weekly Closes Singapore Office

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - U.S. News and World Report, an Amerimonth as part of an austerity measure, a magazine spokesman said Thursday.

It is the second foreign journal to announce the closure of its Singapore office in the past week. The Economist, a British weekly, said lest

TRAVEL UPDATE

LONDON (Reuters) — Return flights to Paris from London's new City Airport, suspended a month ago over fears about insufficient maffic control, will resume Wednesday, the Civil Aviation Authority said.

Officials said Thursday that Brymon Airways and Eurocity Express, the two airlines operating to Paris, had agreed to use an alternative at consider where full ender cover could be required.

corridor where full radar cover could be provided.

The agency suspended the Paris route on Dec. 18 after Brymon complained that there was no proper control over the southeast English coast, where three near-collisions were reported in the first weeks after the airport opened Oct. 26. An inquiry panel was set up to look into the

Flights were normal in Spain on Thursday as pilots for the airline Ibera called off a 24-hour strike after management agreed to discuss complaints about working hours, an airline spokesman said. (Reuters)

"AND YOUR SOUL











Two Palestinian women fleeing for cover on Thursday as an Israeli patrol moved through the Balata refugee camp on the West Bank.

ISRAEL: Clampdown on Arab Press Is Seen as Part of 'Iron Fist' Policy

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owner of the Palestine Press Service, which disseminates news about the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, and Ghassan Ayoub, a spokesman of the Palestinian Hotel Workers Union.

Still in custody facing more seri-

ous charges of belonging to the outlawed PLO were Mohammed Zahaika, who worked for Al Fajr; Rahmeh, chairman of the Gaza Bar Salah Zuhaika deputy editor of the Association, and Dr. Abdel Shafi, daily Ash-Sha'ab and Abdul Latis head of the Palestinian Red Cres-

Meanwhile, in Gaza, the authori-

ties detained three prominent personalities for most of the day before releasing them. They were Dr. Zakaria al-Agha, chairman of the Medical Association; Fayez Abu

gence agency, broke furniture, tore up photographs and left the premises in a shambles, according to cal contacts with the PLO.

The occasion also marked the tinian establishment had succeeded concert backing standard PLO de-

The communique also demand-

of Shin Bet, the domestic intelli- at a news conference in an East occupation, release prisoners arrested since Dec. 9, lift the "siege" communiqué was published calling of Palestinian refugee camps, stop land confiscation and cancel vari-

Meanwhile, Marrack Goulding. camp south of Jerusalem. The presin overcoming differences to act in ence of Israeli troops at camps he sought to visit in Gaza earlier had touched off violent protests.

ARMS: Geneva Talks Resume With Summit Deadline CHINA:

of 3,300. Soviet officials reportedly told lowed. U.S. experts during the summit meeting in Washington in December that Moscow's plans did not call for building a force that would exceed this limit in any event. The Soviet Union has said that it will agree to such a formal limit if the United States will accept a similar limit on submarine missiles, a position that the Reagan administra-

tion says is unacceptable. The instructions to the U.S. ne-

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There are still other difficult is-

sues to be resolved. The two sides need to agree on "counting rules" that would determine how many nuclear air-launched cruise missiles should be attributed to different types of bombers.

In addition, the two sides differ over the definition of what airlaunched cruise missiles should be covered. At the summit meeting in

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heads on land-based missiles, some administration officials say they believe the United States will ulti
gotiators did not repeat an earlier U.S. demand for a limit of 1,650 on administration officials say they believe the United States will ulti
land-based missiles with more than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers)

Washington, the United States proposed that air-launched cruise missiles that have a range of less than 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers)

Condolences Sent

(Continued from Page 1) mately drop its demand for a limit six warheads, and mobile land- should not be covered by the pact, based missiles, should they be al- a definition that administration officials was intended to protect the U.S. option to develop convention-

ally armed cruise missiles. ■ Soviets Fault U.S. Photos The Soviet Union said Thursday

that there were problems with U.S. photographs of missiles due to be scrapped under terms of the intermediate nuclear forces treaty signed in Washington last month, Reuters reported from Moscow.

"The United States was very bad at taking pictures," the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennadi L Gerasimov, said at a news conference. He was referring to pictures of missiles due to be destroyed. The United States and the Soviet

Union agreed to exchange photographs and other data about weapons covered by the treaty eliminating their medium- and shorterrange nuclear missiles. Washington said Wednesday that it had asked Moscow to ex-

plain why a Soviet photograph of a shorter-range SS-23 missile due to be destroyed under the treaty showed the weapons as shorter than Soviet data had suggested. Mr. Gerasimov said Soviet offi-cials had told the United States on

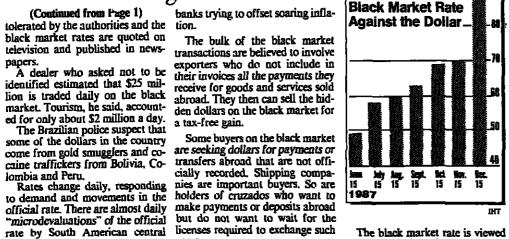
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WASHINGTON - A U.S.

body of the missile. U.S. Sergeant Charged With Spying for Russia Reuters

Maryland.





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the Brazilian finance minister, Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira met with the members, injuring two others and gage in currency speculation. Their leaving two more unaccounted for, business code stipulates that rate major black market dealers, appealing for restraint in their rate increases. They complied until the release of November figures showing a 17-percent rise in the cost of



The black market rate is viewed by many people as the real measure of the local currencies. A big jump

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The black market dollar rate Army sergeant was arrested on then rose from 70 cruzados on Nov. Thursday and charged with at-15 to 90 cruzados on Dec. 15. In tempted spying for the Soviet June, when Mr. Bresser Pereira an- Union, the Federal Bureau of Innounced an economic stabilization vestigation announced. plan, the rate was 50 cruzados. The rate is now 92 cruzados.



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gotiations. Raymond R.M. Tai, a spokes—
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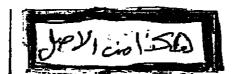
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was named Thursday to succeed Dr. Halfdan Mabler of Danta director-general of the United Nations agency. The nomination was made at a private session of the organization

Dr. Nakajima, 59, has headed the organization's Regional Office for the Western Pacific in Manila since 1979. His other posts with the agent included chief of the drug policies division. He would be the first Japanese to head a UN agency.

Judge Bork's letter of resignation, dated Jan. 7, was released Therefore In a letter accepting the 60-year-old jurist's request to leave the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Mr. Reagan said. The

OSLO (Reuters) - Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland of State

Mrs. Brundtland said after two hours of discussions with Na

the potential for increased cooperation" between Norway and the Union. "We must make progress on this issue," she said. "It is the said important outstanding question between our countries."

MOSCOW (Combined Dispatches) — A Soviet spokesman said

checked this out."

weekend it would move its bureau in Singapore to Hong Kong because the British colony was "a better listening post for Asia." Both magazines said the closures of their one-man offices in Singapore were not considered. ed with the government's decision last month to restrict the weekly sales

of the Far Eastern Economic Review.

The government slashed the Review's sales to 500 copies from 2,000 copies for publishing what it called "distorted and mischievous articles" that it said were "calculated to discredit and denigrate the Singapore"

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JAKARTA — Italy has agreed

Both Sides Are Told to Curb Conflict Or Risk Failure of Regional Accord By William Branigan

Sandinists and Foes

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Then, in a letter sent to Mr. Oste-

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ga, Mr. Arias called for greater "de-

condemned the Sandinist govern-ment's plans for a military buildup, its failure so far to lift a state of

emergency decree and its contin-

ued detention of pasoners who, Mr. Arias said, should benefit from

reconciliation under the peace

Expressing his worries about

assuring the success of the Central

American peace plan" in view of a summit meeting Friday, Mr. Arias

noted that cease-fire talks have

The letter to Mr. Ortega ap-

peared to be designed at least part-ly to balance the letters sent to Alfonso Robelo Callejas, Alfordo

Cesar and Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, three of the six directors of

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The letters were delivered three days before Mr. Arias is to be the

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gna and its supporters during a secting in Panama this week of an Informational Verification and Folshington Post Service SAN JOSE, Costa Rica - Presilow-up Commission, charged with dent Oscar Arias Sinchez has wanted both the Nicaraguan nebels and the Sandinist government to stop their slide toward an escalated.

valuating the peace plan. The Costa Rican delegation was obliged to lobby hard to remove exticism of Costa Rica from the commission's final report, the dipalded Central American peace accord fail.

The warnings were in letters sent Tuesday and Wednesday to three leaders of the anti-Sandmist rebels

"The neutrality of Costa Rica and the sacred commitment of our people to peace cannot be mocked by anyone," Mr. Arias said in the letter. "H you want to continue enjoying Costa Rican hospitality, you must desist from supporting the armed way. If not, I ask you to leave the entered way. gram rener manage armed struggle against the Sandmist government leave the country as soon as possi-

The letter added, however, that once the rebel leaders leave the country, Costa Rica would be vailable as a venue for peace negonations in which rebel officials could particinate. Mr. Arias said that "it hurts me" to expel the contra leaders, with whom he said he had developed friendships over the

Mr. César, asked about the letter as he returned to Costa Rica on a flight from Guatemala, said, "I guess we start packing our bags."



CAMPAIGNING IN HAITI — Supporters of Leslie Manigat, a candidate in the Jan. 17 presidential elections, hanging up posters Thursday on a street in Port-au-Prince, the capital. An election on Nov. 29 was called off shortly after the polls opened because of widespread violence in which at least 34 people died.

Bush Amplifies on Role in Iran Affair

By David Hoffman Washington Post Service

FORT DODGE, lowa - Vice President George Bush has asserted for the first time that, in the presence of others, he voiced reservations about the secret Iran arms sales that went beyond his previously stated concerns about the role of Israel in the covert opera-

Mr. Bush said: "I also had the concerns that I have when any covert action is undertaken — how will it be interpreted if the cover is blown? Will lives be lost? Will our credibility be damaged? Unfortunately, my reservations turned out

The vice president's comments by Mary McGrory, a Washington Post columnist, in her column Tuesday. Pressed by his rivals for a public exposure of the arms sale, my views, again in large part be-

By Bill Peterson

ington Post Service

FORT DODGE, Iowa - A few

the hottest ticket in the Iowa Dem-

But during the weeks since Gary

ocratic presidential campaign.

fuller explanation of his role in the for example, came in testimony affair, Mr. Bush has been taking a from the former White House chief more aggressive tack in responding of staff, Donald T. Regan. He told to questions about it.

Mr. Bush's newly revealed reservations were not mentioned in the reports of the Tower commission or in the report of the congressional committees that investigated the Iran-contra scandal. Under questioning by reporters for months, he has not previously spoken of these

In his written comments, Mr. Bush, who has been campaigning in lowa for next month's precinct cancuses, did not say when he voiced the reservations or who heard them. Mr. Bush again vowed vice to Mr. Reagan but said the came in written responses delivered additional reservations were made Wednesday to 17 questions posed in a "setting with others present." Up to now, the only mention of how to deal with the problems of

Hart Steals Simon's Iowa Thunder

Illinois Democrat Suddenly Is No Longer Front-Runner

the Tower commission that none of President Ronald Reagan's advisers "teed up for him of what the downside risk would be here." The vice president said for the

first time that records show he "probably" was a participant in the Mr. Reagan and other senior cabinet officials who raised objections to the arms sales, including Secre-tary of State George P. Shultz and then-Secretary of Defense Caspar

W. Weinberger. However, Mr. Bush said, "I do not recall any strenuous objection. Had there been any strenuous obiection. I am sure I would have remembered it." The vice president said he did not ask Mr. Shultz or Mr. Weinberger for their views.

jections were apparently forcefully stated" by others. Mr. Bush was on his way to the Army-Navy football reported that Mr. Bush had watched the secret Iran arms deals unfold, in part through his attendance at morning national security

> Bush responded by saying the meetings were not detailed, just brief updates on the hostages' Mr. Bush was asked how he reconciled his stated concern for the Americans held hostage in Leba-

briefings with the president. Mr.

sharing views had not been invoked," Mr. Bush said. NSC refers

to the National Security Council.

The vice president noted that he

was absent from several meetings

in 1985 on the Iran arms sales.

including one on Dec. 7 in the

White House residence when "ob-

non with his claim that the weapons shipments were not part of a trade to free them.

T have stated over and over again that the original proposal was not presented as an arms-forhostages swap," he said. He added that "all during the discussions" he

was "terribly concerned about getting the hostages out and about the torture of the man that I knew to be a CIA station chief," a reference to William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, who was tortured and is believed to have been mur-

Class of 1991 Wants Money Most of All

By Deirdre Carmody New York Times Service

NEW YORK - A record proportion of more than three-quar-ters of first-year college students surveyed around the country feel that being financially well off is an "essential" or "very important" host at a meeting of five Central esset American presidents to discuss the goal

At the same time, the lowest proportion of freshmen in 20 years, only 39 percent, put great emphasis on developing a meaningful philos-

Also, the number of freshmen decision to attend college was "to make more money" has reached a new high of 71 percent. Business ues to be the preferred career. A record 25 percent of the students named it as their first

"Despite Newsweck's announcement that greed is dead, our data show that it is alive and well," said to provide a \$71 million loan to Alexander W. Astin, the director of Indonesia for the construction of a the 22d annual survey of entering

California at Los Angeles. The galized. findings were drawn from questionnaires completed in the fall by 209.627 freshmen at 390 two- and

four-year institutions. The trend of materialism has been on the rise in the survey's results since the early 1970s. The have known each other only a short one exception is an increased interest in teaching as a career, a finding

that took researchers by surprise. Last fall, 8.1 percent of the freshmen said they planned to pursue careers as elementary or secondary saying that a key reason for their school teachers, up from 7.3 percent the previous year and well up from the low point of 4.7 percent in

> Other points that emerged from the survey were:

• A sharp decline in interest in computing, engineering, techno-logical and nursing careers. The lack of interest in these fields was expressed by men and women

 An increase in liberal attitudes 110 megawatt geothermal power freshmen.

on many social issues, with two station at Gunning Salak. West The survey was conducted by the Lava an official tiene said Thurs. American Council on Education laws prohibiting homosexual relations, and are not inclined to be reflections, and are not inclined to be reflections, and are not inclined to be reflective," Mr. Astin said. "Our data such.

search Institute at the University of who think marijuana should be le-

• Despite widespread publicity about AIDS, an increase to a record 52 percent in freshmen who agree that if two people genuinely like each other it is fine for them to have sexual relations, even if they

 A decline in cigarette smoking.
 Nine percent said they smoked cigarettes, down one percentage point from the year before. Of the women. 10.4 percent smoke, compared with 7.3 percent of men.

Mr. Astin said the question about the importance of developing a meaningful philosophy of life was introduced in 1967, after students asked that a question about values be included. That year, 83 percent thought that developing a meaningful philosophy of life was an essential or very important goal. The percentage has dropped in all but two years since, to a low of

39 percent in the latest survey. Students still tend to see their

confirm the decline in interest in

Being well off financially was identified as a key goal by a record 76 percent of freshmen, up from 73 percent the previous year and nearly double the level of 39 percent in

Top priorities among freshmen include "being an authority in my chosen field," chosen by 77 per-cent, and "having administrative responsibility for the work of others," selected by 45 percent.

Support among freshmen for laws prohibiting homosexual relations increased to 53 percent, from 52 percent the previous year. Mr. Astin believes that this reflects growing concern about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

The proportion who identify themselves as conservative was 18 after the lowa caucuses. Mr. Duka-percent. This has changed little kis has long been considered the over the last five years. Twenty-two percent described themselves as liberal This proportion has been rising slowly. By far the largest and fastest-growing category is middle could move into a position to life being dependent on affluence of the road. In the latest survey, 56 emerge as the chief alternative to and are not inclined to be reflec- percent described themselves as

that goes with being the Iowa front- they think Mr. Hart is a blessing in disguise.
They argue that Mr. Hart's re-"There's no question it has tem-

weeks ago, Senator Paul Simon was porarily hurt me in Iowa," Mr. Siturn to the campaign lowered unremon said. "All of a sudden, I moved into the No. 2 position. My instinct is that it is a temporary thing, but it has slowed us down. Just how much Mr. Simon has

Hart's re-entry into the race, the Illinois senator has lost the cachet slowed is debatable. He remains the candidate to beat in the Feb. 8 lowa caucuses, despite polls taken immediately after Mr. Hart's reentry that indicated as much as half Mr. Simon's support had evaporated overnight.

The caucuses are essentially neighborhood meetings in which residents declare their presidential preferences.

A more recent poll made by CBS News and The New York Times showed Mr. Simon leading Mr. Hart and other Democrats in the

Polling for the Simon campaign this week indicated that the Iowa race has returned to where it stood in late November, when Mr. Simon held a double-digit lead over his two closest rivals in Iowa, Governor Michael S. Dukakis of Massachusetts and Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri. Meanwhile, Mr. Simon's for-

tunes are improving dramatically in New Hampshire, which holds the country's first primary a week after the lowa caucuses. Mr. Dukafront-runner in New Hampshire because of the state's proximity to neighboring Massachusetts. But Mr. Simon, if he wins in Iowa, Mr Dukakis

Privately, Simon strategists say

alistically high expectations for Mr. Simon in lowa and diverted criticism from him. In the minds of some Simon supporters, a near perfect scenario ha Mr. Hart finishing second to Mr.

Simon. This would give the candidate a big lift while raising ques-In Lucerne. tions about Mr. Dukakis's electability and all but eliminating Mr. your preferred Gephardt and Bruce Babbitt, a former Arizona governor, from the But Mr. Simon's advisers ac

knowledge that Mr. Hart has muddled the race. "Gary Hart has frozen the politi-

cal landscape," said Brian Lunde, a Simon campaign manager. "Every-one has basically stayed where they were in late November. Now the question is what happens when it As a campaigner, Mr. Simon also

seems to have cooled in recent appearances in Iowa. He gave lackluster speeches before large audiences this week in Des Moines and Jeffer-

What polls of the last month seem to be saying is that Mr. Simon has a solid base in the state, but the race remains fluid. In short, Iowa is his to lose.

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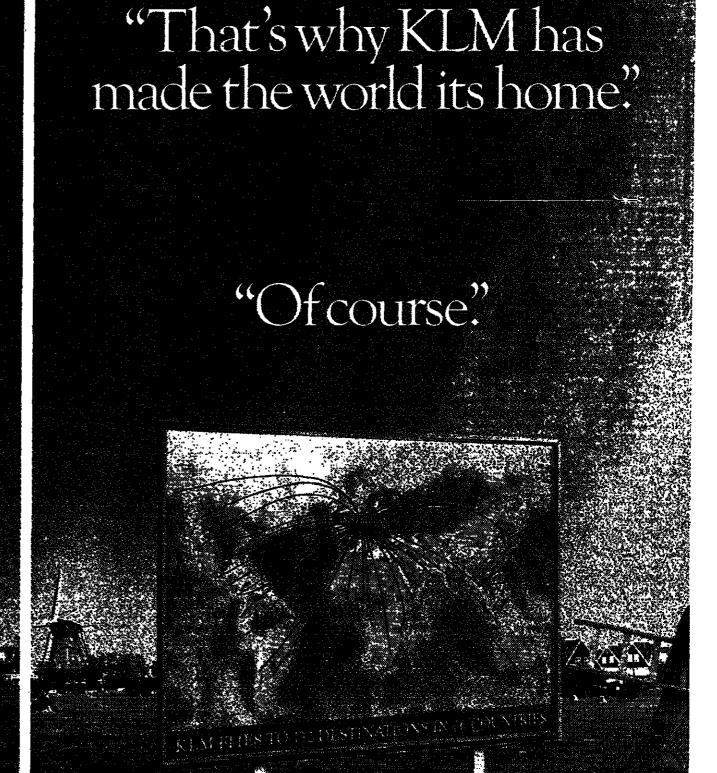
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Herald Cribune.

Both Sides Are Unwilling

Central American peace process: The Reagan administration does not want peace. and the Sandinists say they do but are unwilling to pay the necessary price for it.

How else can Nicaragua's failure to meet the agreed timetable for democratization be explained? What other explanation is there for administration threats to curtail U.S. aid should the nations of the area not help the Nicaraguan rebels — as required by the Central American peace plan?

It would be easy for either side to demonstrate that the other lacked commitment to peace. Managua could go forward with democratization without the United States ceasing support for the contras. Washington could agree to end contra aid in advance of

the Sandinists' granting further liberties.
It speaks volumes that neither side has been willing to take such chances, even though doing so would spectacularly em-barrass the other. The Sandinists seem intent only on trying to erode U.S. support for the contras. The administration seems bound only to destroy the Sandinists.

Where does this leave the region's five presidents, about to meet to discuss progress? They can extend the timetable for cease-fires and democratization. Or they can threaten to wash their hands of negotiations and let the region plunge back into all-out warfare. Better to try again. In any event, let

it be clear who bears the responsibility.

Such is the state of the plan bravely and shrewdly put forward by President Oscar Arias Sánchez of Costa Rica. It would have been understandable had the Reagan administration expressed doubts about the plan's viability while wishing it well. But that is not

A double-barreled reality leaps out of the enough for hard-liners who dominate. They fear giving the plan even an outside chance. So they sent a proconsul to warn dependent Central American states of punishment unless they shun Nicaragua and try persuading Congress to continue aid to the contras.

This was the unmistakable message conveyed by the national security adviser, Lieutenant General Colin Powell, in talks over the weekend with leaders of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica. He warned the four that if the contras are allowed to wither, "there will not be a sudden surge of interest in things Central American or other kinds of aid." Put bluntly, if Nicaragua's neighbors abide by their own peace plan's requirement to halt arms to contras, they cannot expect administration help in getting economic aid or loans.

This proconsular diplomacy is deeply offensive. It is the way Moscow might compel its Warsaw Pact neighbors to toe the line. It is a further example of the banana republic diplomacy practiced by Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams. All this comes at the end of another year in which the administration has pretended to favor a two-track policy on Nicaragua. It has consistently dismissed or forced out every senior official

who tried to develop a diplomatic track. Central America's five presidents are grown-ups who can do without patronizing advice. They know better than any Yankee the economic and social woes of a region bled by civil war. They understand the difficulties of negotiating cease-fires, extending amnesties and calling elections in societies with weak democratic traditions. They deserve U.S. support, not threats.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

In the Spirit of the Games

Forever, it sometimes seems, the Olympies have been an arena not so much for athletic competition as for political vengeance. This year it may be different. Politics has not vanished from the Olympic scene, but for once political considerations are working to good effect: to bring nations in rather than to drive them out, and in that way to make the Games true to their universalist sportsman's ideal. Specifically, the Russians are coming to the Summer Games in South Korea, despite the strong possibility that their ally in North Korea will choose not to. The Chinese, another ally of the North, are also expected to take part.

Confirmation of broad Communist participation in the Seoul Games does more than ensure terrific athletic competition and terrific television. It increases the chances that the odd-men-out in North Korea will not mess up the Olympics by threats or acts of terrorism. If they do engage in disruption, they will have Moscow and Beijing to answer to. The North Koreans, practiced killers who have only lately begun to abandon a hermit's pose, are obviously shaken to find themselves isolated internationally and conspicuously abandoned by their key patrons. But they

ing room on the twin issues of sending their own athletes to compete and hosting some Olympic events on their territory. Presumably Moscow and Beijing are speaking quietly to Pyongyang about the benefits of going with the world flow.

For South Korea, the latest word from Moscow is welcome support for its grand strategic hope to outflank North Korea, to narrow the Communist regime's options for violence and to compel it to explore an open and peaceful relationship on Seoul's terms. This is a transcendent time in the life of a country that was born as half a nation after World War II, taken quite accidentally under the United States's wing and, a few years later, invaded and devastated by North Korea and saved by its own and American arms.

Living all the while under a deadly security threat from the north, South Korea has since become not a perfect development model but a striking economic success story. Though its political travails may not be over, it can be said to have taken some long and difficult steps along a democratic path. The award of the Summer Olympics to Seoul was received everywhere as international recognition of South Korea's national ascent. It is working to deserve the honor in full.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

The Figures Are Flawed

Financial markets are braced for Friday's report on the November foreign trade deficit - and it is sure to be misleading, once again. Whatever it shows, the dollar figure will be wrong. The Reagan administration's failure to make the trade figures more accurate is irresponsible.

Four weeks ago, the startling announcement that the October delicit soared to a record \$17.6 billion sent the stock market down, interest rates up and the dollar to its lowest level in 40 years. The deficit did grow in October, but how much and how significantly are unclear even now.

Actually, despite the gross numbers, the physical volume of imports has been slowed; price tags — and thus dollar volume - remain high because the value of the dollar has dropped so much. Also, exports are rising impressively. All this gets lost, however, in the monthly ritual.

One basic flaw in the monthly report is the lack of seasonal adjustment. The Commerce Department stopped adjusting when it became clear that its adjustments were unreliable. With valid adjustment, the October report would have discounted the pre-Christmas increase in imports. A second problem is the erratic nature of trade, especially in oil. Oil imports rise abruptly with

price cuts and drop when prices jump. There was also an unpredictable bulge in Japanese automobile imports last fall, to fill 1987 import quotas before year-end.

Bad as they are, the monthly reports are better than they were, and the experts are working on improvements. Computers and more careful tabulation have improved accuracy. But problems remain: Statistics for imports are more accurate than for exports, because importers must declare for customs clearance. Checking other countries' customs data could vield a better fix on exports. And there is the irrational law that requires two monthly reports, 48 hours apart; the first, which makes the headlines, inflates imports by counting insurance and freight costs.

Combined figures for the most recent three months are more indicative than one month's report. But the best measurements - with seasonal adjustment - come only four times a year, two months after each calendar quarter. That is too long a wait for

planners who need good data. Decidedly, the trade deficit is not a sign of economic strength, as President Reagan proclaimed the other day. But just how much weakness the deficit reflects cannot be un-

derstood until the data are improved. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A Policy of Concessions

The arrangement agreed to in Stockholm this week by the Soviet Union and Sweden, in their 19-year-old dispute over Baltic Sea. delineation, provides further evidence of what appears to be an important characteristic of Soviet foreign policy under Mikhail Gorbachev: The Soviet Union is prepared to make significant concessions in order to clear the decks of irritating disputes that have either been impairing Moscow's relations with its neighbors or sullying its repu-

tation in the international community. The desire for better relations - or, more precisely, reduced tensions -- lay behind the Kremlin's decision last year to end a long-standing border dispute with China. The Soviet Union accepted Beijing's demand that

the border run down the middle of the Amur and Ussuri rivers and not, as the Russians had previously insisted, along the Chinese bank. With Mr. Gorbachev once again raising the prospect of a Soviet-Chinese summit meeting, it is not hard to detect Moscow's hand behind Vietnam's announcement this week that it may start withdrawing its troops from Cambodia by the end of this year.

The pattern that is emerging reinforces the view that Mr. Gorbachev seems to be prepared to subordinate foreign priorities to domestic ones in order to place the economy of the Soviet Union on a more stable keel. As he has observed, his country will not be able to enter the 21st century as a great power unless the internal decay of the last 10 years can be reversed.

— The Independent (London).

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Bush, Dole: **Conviction** Is the Issue

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — There is an important issue behind the challenge to Vice President George Bush to disclose his advice to President Reagan on the Iran arms sales. But it is a dangerous issue for Senator Bob Dole to raise.

The real issue for both men is whether they have the courage of their convictions. It is an issue for them as the battle for the Republican presidential nomination approaches its first tests next month in lowa, because Mr. Reagan has esrablished a model, at least in the minds of Republican voters, of a president who acts on his beliefs. Arms to the ayatollah notwithstanding, Mr. Reagan is seen by many voters as a man who has stood up for what he believes.

In the contest for his inheritance, it is the trailing candidates who most clearly display this attractive trait. Pierre du Pont and Jack Kemp. though far back in the polls, better reflect Mr. Reagan's readiness to adopt "radical" policy alternatives and sell them to the public. Along with Alexander Haig, they have not hesitated to say plainly where they disagree with existing policies. And Pat Robertson has displayed his mastery of Mr. Reagan's patented technique for turning away angry criticism with ready smiles.

These four men have been unable to exploit their "conviction politics" because of other doubts about their leadership capacity. Their credentials as a former governor of Delaware (Mr. du Pont), a member of the House of Representatives (Mr. Kemp), Richard Nixon's last chief of staff (Mr. Haig) and a former television preacher (Mr. Robertson) do not get them over the threshold of presidential credibility in their first try for the office.

Mr. Bush and Mr. Dole have passed that threshold. Each has run for president, and they hold responsible positions as vice president and Senate Republican leader. Each is now trying to win by suggesting that the other lacks leadership ability. Those doubts are inherent in Mr.

Bush's career, raising questions about his beliefs in critical situations. He has been unsuccessful in gaining the elective offices he sought, failing twice for the Senate

LONDON — Disagreement between the United States and the European allies on nuclear po-

licy is deepening, and its cause is widely misunder-stood in the United States. This week, in Washing-

ton, a blue-ribbon commission on the problems of

deterrence recommended to President Ronald Rea-

gan that the American nuclear arsenal be restruc-

worse news to those allies who live in places where

these weapons seem most likely actually to be used.

The report was prepared by eminent people

under the chairmanship of Fred C. Ikle and Albert

Wohlstetter, two patriarchs of American nuclear

doctrine. It deals with many matters, but among its recommendations is that the United States concen-

trate on small, accurately deliverable weapons, both to deter the Soviet Union and because these

weapons are, so the report claims, "politically usable." The report criticizes today's reliance on

Yet last month the United States signed an

agreement with the Soviet Union to destroy a

whole class of medium-range missiles deployed in

Europe. Mr. Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev

promised to go still further when they meet again

in Moscow this year. Mr. Reagan presses on with

will lead the world to total nuclear disarmament.

What is going on here? Is the policy of the United

States arms limitation or nuclear war fighting? Is

On Europe's side of the Atlantic, people ask,

Strategic Defense Initiative, which he insists

heavy, long-range ballistic nuclear missiles.



and once for the presidential nomination. But he has risen to higher and higher appointive posts by flat-

tering and serving men in power.
Such a career breeds caution, and Mr. Bush, from available evidence, was notably reticent when crucial decisions were being made on arms sales to Iran. The unfolding record shows he was present, and apparently largely silent, at meetings where Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger expressed their strong opposition to the president's policy. Mr. Bush has not put the suspi-

cion about his deference and critical judgment to rest. But he has cleverly demonstrated an almost aggressive readiness to challenge his critics on the issue.

Mr. Dole has yet to demonstrate such a clear instinct of how to handle his "conviction" problem. It, 100, is rooted in his career. For 27 years he has been in Congress, for all but six years in the minority. He has mastered the art of the half loaf, of trading advantageously with those who hold high cards, for whatever he could extract in policy or political

terms. It is a necessary role for a congressional leader, but it rarely allows him to display his principle On many vital issues, Mr. Dole plainly has "risen above principle"

to accommodate Mr. Reagan —the sin of which he accuses Mr. Bush. As chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, he passed the deep tax cuts Mr. Reagan wanted in 1981. against his better judgment, and has spent the past six years trying to repair the resulting revenue drain.
In a debate last week, Mr. Dole

himself offered another example. Asked about his 1986 vote to sustain Mr. Reagan's veto of sanctions against South Africa — a veto that the Republican-controlled Senate overrode - Mr. Dole said: "If I were president I might have a little different view, but as Republican leader. I saw no need to pass it and embarrass the president."

If the leadership issue between Mr. Bush and Mr. Dole is a matter of who stands up to the president on a matter of principle in foreign policy. Republican voters may have a hard time making up their minds. The Washington Post.

Bad News on Deterrence for Those in the Line of Fire

By William Pfaff

range offensive missiles. Mr. Reagan has said that

SDI should do away with long-range missiles.

Mr. Reagan believes what he believes, and oth-

ers believe what they believe, and all go on despite

Wohlstetter report is an attempt to clarify policy

confusion, but it is unlikely to succeed even when

Mr. Reagan is gone, because Washington's contra-

dictions reflect the confusion of American public

opinion and of Washington's political class.
In Europe, the people who make decisions do

know what they want. They think nuclear weap-

ons are fine. They like them the way they are.

They like politically unusable nuclear weapons.

They think that large and politically unusable

nuclear weapons have kept the peace for 40 years.

cooled Russian tempers and contained Soviet

ambitions, kept the United States from even

worse troubles than it managed to get into with

conventional weapons in Vietnam, and made Eu-

rope secure. They like nuclear weapons as insur-

ance against a Soviet threat that they do not

consider urgent enough to justify the money con-

to accommodate President Reagan, but they do

not like it. Their objection is not the one stressed in

They went along with the recent treaty in order

Those, they say, are the best kind.

ventional deterrence would cost.

Out of Afghanistan: Russia's Biggest Test

By Max Jakobson

Moscow on the prospects of an early early sentlement and seeming confident of success, the Kremlin is trying
what happened in Finland. to persuade public opinion that any italiure in the upcoming round of UNsponsored talks will have been caused

by foot-dragging on the other side. Nevertheless, we must assume that the Soviet leaders genuinely want a settlement. The crucial question is what consequences a withdrawal of Soviet forces might have, not only in Afghanistan but throughout the Soviet sphere of influence. The fundamental concept of security that has governed Russian foreign policy for centuries is at stake.

In trying to persuade Moscow to accept a nonaligned, non-Commun-ist Afghanistan, the West points to the examples of Finland and Austria - two Western democracies that pursue a policy of neutrality designed to reassure the Soviet Union. Both have been recognized by Soviet lead-ers as "good neighbors"; neither poses any threat to Soviet security. By analogy, it is argued, a similar arrangement in Afghanistan should satisfy any legitimate Soviet interests.

If the argument sounds familiar, it is because it is Yalta Revisited. At the end of World War II the West agreed that the Soviet Union was entitled to make sure that neighboring countries would be run by "friendly govern-ments" — in the sense that they would respect Soviet security — but that these governments must be freely elected by their peoples. This formula is now being offered as a basis for a settlement in Afghanistan.

Of course, the agreement reached in Yalta, as the Western allies understood it, was never carried out. Stalin exerted total political control of the countries his army had occupied.

The only country in which the proposed marriage between Soviet security interests and Western democracy was happily consummated was Finland, where "free and unfettered elections," as prescribed at Yalta, were held in April 1945, within a month of the Big Three conference: the first free elections in war-torn Europe.

The reason this was possible in Finland was not that it had been so decreed in Yalta. Finland was barely mentioned there. The reason Western democracy survived in Finland was

liked the arms agreement because it implied Europe's eventual denuclearization, which they see

as opening the door to conventional war - plausi-

ble war - and to the forms of political intimida-

matters, are headed with mounting speed in oppo-

ment and/or strategic involverability on the one

hand, and nuclear war fighting forces on the other.

The West Europeans think that disarmament/in-

vulnerability is unattainable, and that fighting

weapons weaken deterrence by restoring plansibil

United States unlikely to change, the Europeans would seem to have two possibilities for the long

term. One is to enhance their already substantia

nuclear deterrent forces, creating their own version of a policy of mutual assured destruction, with West

Germany involved in some as yet undefined way.

they are willing to accept as security, in political agreements with Moscow, or in concessions. Some

countries may do one thing, some the other.

Neither choice is attractive. But unless the Soviet

Union undergoes profound change in the next few

be the prospect. People on both sides of the Atlantic

increasingly see both the threat and the means of

their security in different ways. That implies that

each eventually must assume the responsibilities

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that accompany an independent view of things.

ears (which is not impossible), this would seem to

Or else they could look for security, or whatever

As the disagreement is likely to continue, and the

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Western Europe and the United States, on these

tion attached to plausible threats of war.

HELSINKI — The optimistic that the Finns had emerged from the war with their political system interwith no army of occupation on their withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan have an obvious tactical veloped by the Finns themselves. The idea of "Finlandizing" Afghanistan

> vance: The Soviet Union asseed to withdraw its forces of occupation in: return for an Austrian please of permanent neutrality. But there is an important difference between Austria in portant difference between Austria in 1955 and Afghanistan today — the absence of an ideological element in the Austrian settlement. The occurs tion had failed to put Communists into power anywhere in Austria. The Soviet withdrawal could be carned out without exposing a local Communist regime to possible destruction. It was

not an ideological retreat. A an ideological reducat.

Lessons from the history of Europe seldom apply to conditions in other parts of the world. Afghanistan today is a nation torn not only by years of fighting between the Sovier-backed

The decisive battle is likely to be fought within Kremlin walls.

Communist regime and the unjabiling guerrillas, but by ancient tribul feuis. A negotiated settlement acceptable to all interested parties both inside and outside of Afghanistan — one that could survive the departure of the Soviet forces — would be a feat with no precedent in international relations since World War II.

The consequences of the American withdrawal from Vietnam must haunt the Soviet negotiators. The moment the American forces had left, the settlement negotiated by Washington and Hanoi fell apart. For the United States, the collapse of its Vict-namese ally was a humiliating loss of prestige. But that is a wound that time can heal. For the Soviet Union, a similar debacle in Afghanistan would lead to something far worse: the emergence of a new enemy on its doorstep. To risk such an outcome would go against the grain of the deeply rooted Russian obsession with security in the borderlands.

In his newly published memoirs "Menschen und Mächte" ("Men and Powers") Helmut Schmidt illustrates this obsession by quoting a 19th-cen-tury Russian statesman who said at-the time of the Crimean War that "Russia can feel completely secure only when Russian soldiers stand on both sides of her border." This concept of security has often merged with another traditional trend in Russian policy: empire-building in Asia. Its spirit was expressed in the famous remark by Czar Nicholas I: "Where the Russian flag has once been hoisted. it must never be lowered."

In the traditional view, the Soviet withdrawal from Austria can be presented as a blunder by Nikita Khrushehev and a warning against concessions in Afghanistan. It his the fuse that caused the explosion in Hungary a few months later. Similarly, it may be argued, a withdrawal from Alghanistan could lead not only to the destruction of Moscow's allies in Afghanistan but to the unraveling of the

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Soviet security system in Europe. Yet the traditional Russian concept of security is beginning to yield diminishing returns. This has been recognized, at least implicitly, by General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev. He has presented himself as a proponent of the concept of "common security" — that is, security as-sured by political rather than military means. His declared aim is to establish "stable and predictable" relations with other countries. This goal cannot be achieved so long as the Afghanistan intervention continues to undermine his credibility.

The decisive battle of the Aighanistan war is likely to be fought within Kremin walls, not between tred old hawks and doves but between modernizers and traditionalists. President John F. Kennedy once said that the line dividing domestic and foreign affairs had become "as indistinct as a line drawn in water." The foreign policy of the Soviet Union cannot be divorced from domestic reform.

In the longer run, Moscow cannot continue to conduct a Stalinist foreign policy while dismantling Stalinism at home. In this sense, Afghanistan may turn out to be a crucial test of Mr. Gorbachev's ability to carry out his grand design.

Mr. Jakobson is a former Finnish ambassador to the United Nations. He contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

More Aid for the Contras, More Pain for the People

By Daniel Ortega Saavedra

The writer is president of Nicaragua.

M ANAGUA — The government and people of Nicaragua want peace. There have already been more than 50,000 Nicaraguan casualties in the war financed by the United States. This includes 25,527 dead, the majority of whom are women, children and poor farmers. For a small country with 3.5 million people, this is a staggering figure. The harm to our economy exceeds \$3.5 billion. More United States aid to the contras can only mean more war, more death and destruction - more totally un-necessary and unjustifiable suffering.

During my trip to Washington in November, I discovered that many people were confused or misinformed about the nature and objectives of the Nicaraguan revolution. Let me make yet another effort to help the public, the administration and Congress clearly understand what we stand for.

Nicaragua wants a fully democratic political system. One tenet of our revolution is political pluralism, which entails freedom of the press and no restrictions on opposition political activities. Under our revolution, in 1984 the first pluralistic and free elections in Nicaragua's history were held. We will continue to guarantee and increase free and open political debate in the hope that in the next elections even the contras will participate - provided they have become part of the legal civilian opposition by laying down their arms.

The Sandinista party will respect the results of such elections. We are confident we have the support of the majority of Nicaraguans. But if the opposition wins, we will turn over the government to them, with all the powers our constitution specifies. We are prepared to become the loyal opposi-tion if that is what the people decide.

no military expertise to understand and women, trained to defend themthat as long as the contra war con-tinues, along with the threat of a Grenada-style invasion, Nicaragua selves and their land against foreign aggression. The people demand these arms to defend themselves. He also must maintain an army larger than said we hoped to acquire interceptor

needed in peacetime, and, more important, a sizable militia. We have never tried to hide this.

SDI a program of defense or an element in an advanced nuclear war fighting program? The latter is the way the Iklé-Wohlstetter report treats it, saying that SDI must be "paired" with new longers, considering them more convincing. They dis-

What apparently caused concern in the Miranda-State Department declaration was the allegation that Nicaragua intended to build up its army and acquire Soviet jets even after relations with the United States are normalized. This is false. If we receive sufficient security guarantees from Washington, we will not maintain a large army or obtain unneces- BERLIN — German theatre-goers sary armaments. Indeed, the Defense Ministry's draft proposal stolen by Mr. Miranda and made public calls for a reduction in the size of our army

aircraft to protect our airspace from

ply weapons and ammunition to the

contras with impunity every day.

over the next seven years. If, through direct talks, Nicaragua receives sufficient security guarantees from the United States, we are prepared, in the context of regional agreements, to take four steps. We would: Establish limits on our army and on armaments, with a mutual ban on

all offensive weapons. Dispense with any foreign military advisers and prohibit the stationing of foreign troops in the region. • Prohibit the establishment of foreign military bases on our soil.

• Actively prevent the use of our

territory to threaten or subvert any country in the region, as has already been agreed to by the five Central American presidents in Guatemala.

siveness to Nicaragua's repeated initiatives for a peaceful, negotiated resolution of our differences. There is no need to "pressure" Nicaragua to move toward peace. The administration itself could benefit from pressure. Further aid to the contras only stiffens its resolve not to negotiate with Nicaragua. On the other hand, ending aid to hostile planes, such as those that sup-

the contras would compel the administration to respect the Guatemala accords and to seek in earnest a nego-The New York Times.

tiated solution with Nicaragna. Such a solution is imminently obtainable.

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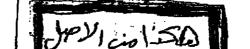
are safe from fire, but not water. At Bonn recently the audience, in the middle of an opera, was drenched owing to an error of the man who controlled the emergency fire sprinklers. The unlucky singers at Münster were in the same way drowned out during a rehearsal. In this case the flood was so sudden and so deep that Frau Joachim and the singers were forced to stand upon chairs until rescued. There have been nearly a dozen such unexpected floods in Germany.

1913: British Enter Tibet

PEKING — Urgent telegrams have been received here announcing the entrance of British troops in Tibet, and reporting that the Dalai Lama has authorized four delegates to negotiate a treaty with the object of obtaining British protection in return tions of the British Government NEW YORK — Despatches from Washington emphasize the fact that the acceptance by China of the terms offered by the six Great Powers for the \$125 million loan will hasten the recognition of the Chinese Republic.

1938: Bible May Err LONDON - Fifteen years after they

started their discussions of docume in the Church of England, twenty leaders of Britain's state religion to day [Jan. 14] produced a 242-page report of their deliberations; which denied that the Bible was free from error, doubted the conclusiveness of evidence of the virgin buth, and indicated official church belief that the creation, as told in Genesis, has a value "symbolical rather than historical." The report holds that the Bible is "the Word of God," but that all its parts are not spiritually on the same repared to become the loyal opposion if that is what the people decide, that we hoped to have a militie—not As for defense matters, it requires an army—of more than 500,000 men demonstrated a total lack of respon
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By NARANJO in El Universol (Mexico City).

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ment unveiled Roger Miranda Ben-

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From a Palestinian Comes st Test . A Moderate Voice of Hope

By Anthony Lewis

JERUSALEM — In 20 years of occur-pation there have been waves of Pal-estiman protest, but none nearly so in-you are under house arrest; you violate estiman protest, but none nearly so inturmoil for more than a month now. The daily to the police, and you don't. shops in the West Bank and East Jerusalem have been closed for days. And the protest goes on despite successive Israeli measures: deportations, arrests, deten-tions, more than 30 Palestinians killed.

But where can the protest lead politi-cally? I put the question to a leading Palestinian intellectual, Sari Nusscibeli. A professor of philosophy at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, he is known to many Israelis and is usually characterized as a moderate, a centrist.

"Ideally you would get the negotiat-ing process going." Mr. Nusseibeh re-sponded. "Not that the protest began sponded. "Not that the protest began-for that end. There wasn't a mind planning in advance what to do and why; the Israelis know it was spontaneous resistance to the occupation. But it would matter if the uprising hurried people to the negotiating table.

Mr. Nusselbeh said he foresaw more

violence on both sides if what he called "a process of civil rehellion" built up. "It "The PLO did not start the uprising" will not be Gandhiesque," he said. He mentioned in that regard the killing of a position to stop it. If the PLO radio young Palestinian on Monday by a Jew called on people to stop the civil action and return to work, I'm sure 98 percent

He indicated, however, that his own choice for Palestinians, as the most effective means to a political end, would be notiviolent civil disobedience. He spoke of a number of possible "means to disengage from the Israeli system."

tense or extended. Gaza has been in it. Or you are under orders to report "The identity card would be a sym-

bolic point of no return. Say you get 100 public figures from the West Bank and Gaza; they gather at the Damascus Gate and burn their Israeli identity cards." He added: "It is all a risk. It needs a kind of faith. You have to make up your mind - you either stay in the system or

you say the hell with it, you will no longer play the game by the rules."

When he spoke of the protest leading to negotiations, I asked what negotiations did he mean? Between whom? Mr. Nusseibeh said there should be an international conference, including Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But the PLO is political anathema in Israel. The leaders of both major parties in the coalition government, the Likud and Labor, have rejected the idea of sitting down with the PLO, which most Israelis dismiss as a terrorist organiza-tion. Why should that change now?

"The PLO did not start the uprising." of the trouble would stop. That includes the Islamic fundamentalists - if not out of love, out of necessity, because they cannot operate by themselves.

"So I think Defense Minister Rabin



future negotiations he could take some We do not wish to destroy your state, but immediate steps to alleviate pressures on people in the occupied territories - release prisoners, for example; cancel deportation orders. And if I were advising the PLO, I would urge them to prepare a bold Palestinian peace program to present to the Israeli man in the street. It is necessary to allay his fears for his future

and his children's future in this state.
"The message should be: 'We don't want to push you into the sea, but we also

we want our own state alongside."

"It's no good to have just an uprising to have war, if you will. It is necessary to have an alternative, the peace option. To be a peacemaker in situations of intense conflict can be dangerous, as Mr. Nusseibeh well knows. When he took part in secret talks with a Likud official last year and the story came out he was beaten up by masked men at Bir Zeit. "There is a security risk in being a should contact the PLO. As a signal for do not wish to be thrown into the desert. moderate," he said. "But the way to

avoid that is not to shy away from the political effort but to press it. If there are tangible results, the risk is decreased. Peace is a game in which two people are involved. You have to help each other." Probably most people in the region,

DEPORTATION

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Israelis and Palestinians alike, would dismiss these views as hopelessly idealistic. The more likely future may well be unending conflict and repression. But at the beginning of a visit to the Middle East, it is good to hear someone talking of a way out.

The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's so newsworthy about that?" I remember well my first two years after finishing graduate education: I waited tables at a Mexican restaurant.

and sooner or later they will assume responsibilities greater than if they had not had their overseas exposure. It mat-ters not if they cannot transfer 100 per-

China immediately upon their return. In U.S.-China education exchanges, the worry at the moment is how to persuade Chinese students not to stay on after finishing their Ph.D.s to do postdoctoral research. This issue is be-

cent of their U.S. experience back to

ing dealt with at many levels.

As for future problems, there is the growing issue of ensuring that what the sasters for the Iranian people. students learn matches what China It is time for all Iranians whose voices tion in 1984. When he withdrew from and of its purely practical purpose.

They Also Serve Who Wait needs. China does not need too many Ph.D.s in laser physics, for instance. When reading your front-page report
on "Returning Students Adrift in China" (Dec. 28), I couldn't help wondering.
Institute of International Education. JAY HENDERSON,

Southeast Asia Office.

For an End to the Gulf War

Very few people make opininal use of their education immediately after graduation. For many, the wait takes years. 18) reflects the graduine desire of the The more than 20,000 Chinese studies and diate end to the disastrous Iran-Iraq than a to the disastrous Iran-Iraq who live outside their country and who reject United Nations Resolution 598 on nationalistic grounds are not aware of the realities of Iran. If they could go back and talk to the people, as I did a month ago, then they certainly would change their minds. Now that the Soviet Union is giving

favorable signals to UN peace efforts, an arms embargo against Iran has be-come a possibility, if Resolution 598 is rejected by that country. Iraq would then have carte blanche to strengthen its Do the Right Thing, Gary military machine, resulting in more di-

can be heard in the free world to unite the current presidential race in May, he in enforcing Resolution 598.

K. RASHIDI.

Miscue by Attenborough

Regarding "For U.S. Actor, Biko Is a Fulfilling Role" (Dec. 29) by Terry Trucco: It is strange that Sir Richard Atten-borough's film "Cry Freedom" was shot Zimbabwe, a country that has become a one-party state since the election of President Robert Mugabe. All opposition has been persecuted into silence. Martyrs such as Steve Biko have been

numerous in most African states, but Sir Richard, by working in Zimbabwe, capitalizes on the double standards of a gullible Western public. BIANCA M. NIELSEN.

Wettswil, Switzerland.

We worked for Gary Hart's nomina-

behind the secretary-general of the did the right thing. Otherwise the result United Nations and support his efforts would have turned on Mr. Hart's credibility, not the issues.

Mr. Hart has now done the wrong

thing. The campaign will now focus on his morals, and his presence will demean the other candidates, and could well ensure a Republican victory. Gary, do the right thing and withdraw

again. You don't want to put another Republican in the White House. FRANCIS M.S. PEEL.

ROBERTA ENSCHEDE The Hague. SALLY MCNULTY. London

A Practical Meeting on Food

The report "Battle Shapes Up for Top UN Health Post" (Dec. 18) mentions a meeting in 1985 on Islamic requirements for foods of animal origin as an example of the use of World Health Organization resources to convey religious messages. The reporter seems un-aware of the background of this meeting

Moslem communities in Islamic countries and Europe, as well as some meat-importing Islamic countries, had been making confusing and conflicting demands in the name of religious requirements. Several countries participating in international Codex Alimentarius meetings demanded that these requirements be clarified, especially in relation to hygiene and humaneness.

The Institute of Veterinary Medicine in Berlin, a collaborating center for WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organization, worked three to four years on this subject. The meeting in 1985 was the culmination of this study. Representatives of industry and food control groups, animal protectionists from various parts of the world and members of Islamic countries discussed the essential rules with Moslem and scholars. The findings of the meeting are to

serve as a supplement to the Interna-tional Codes of Hygienic Practice of the Codex Alimentarius where appropriate. KLAUS GERIGK, Director.

Institute of Veterinary Medicine.

Something Needs to Be Done About the Quality of Dying

By Judith Paterson

a public sanatorium in her youth, called pneumonia "the old man's friend." By the time I was born, Grammy had become a full-time nurturer and provider of housing, food and good company to hordes of relatives and friends, children and grandchildren. The last time I saw her, she was gathering pecans in the grove behind her house and complaining

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about her inability to carry the heavy load she had picked. "You know," she said, "I must be an old woman, but I don't feel like an old woman." She died in her sleep a few days later at 92.

My mother's mother suffered for a few months with a cancer that was considered untreatable in the late 1940s, before dying of heart failure at 80. Both of my grandfathers died after brief illnesses, one from influenza and the other from peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix. Though they died young, both of them died with their avings, as well as their dignity, intact.

Not many people die of pneumonia anymore. In fact, it is getting harder and harder to die of anything. Modern medi-cine has deprived old men and women of all the "friends" that used to put a quick and merciful end to terminal suffering.

When my father began dying of hing cancer in 1980, he was a vigorous 68, still working full time in the wholesale florist business that had supported his family for three generations, still driving to the west coast of Mexico every summer for a vacation, still putting in long weekends on the 25 acres (10 hectares) he had been

landscaping to perfection since the 1940s.
Understanding the slim chance he had of surviving lung cancer, with or without an operation, with or without chemotherapy, he asked to forgo all treatment and live as best be could until he died. My stepmother joined his doc-

tors in "refusing to listen to such talk." The operation that removed a lobe of his right lung brought on a stroke that left him with the shuffle of an old man, broken physically, unable to work or enjoy his family. As his body and his spirits deteriorated, medicine for heart condition, stomach ulcers, high blood pressure and depression kept him going.

When the cancer reappeared, he refused a second operation, only to be kept alive for a further year by repeated trips to the hospital to have oxygen, drugs and food pumped into his body. The last time I saw him, he was

slumped in a wheelchair. His head was too heavy for his decaying body to support. Suffering was the only human thing that was left to him. At its most meaningful, death communicates something essential and es-tablishes a final bond between the per-

son who is leaving and those who stay

EUROPEAN TOPICS

WASHINGTON — My father's behind. Approval long withheld can mother, who worked as a nurse in sometimes be expressed, sins lorgiven, secrets shared, mantles passed. I have come to believe that we imperil a necessary link in the chain of human connection when we keep the body alive in a state that no longer houses the spirit. All this was brought home to me again

last summer when I went to help my stepmother sell her house in Montgomery, Alabama, and move into a nursing home. She is 78 and terminally ill with emphysema and heart disease. Humiliated by the circumstances of her illness and exhausted from months of mental and physical pain, she begs to die. Every time death approaches, the

nursing home ships her to the hospital to be "rehabilitated" in intensive care. There I see hopeless cases kept alive for no reason. Cancer patients without hope of recovery get chemotherapy, blood transfusions, radiation. The very old lie like corpses in their beds, liquids dripping all day into limbs crisp and yellow as parchment. A social worker calls it the "ritual of prolongation." I ask "What for?" and get no answer.

Medical technology, which taught us that everything could be cured, has hurled two generations and a whole culture into a crisis of dying. No one saw the shadow of protracted terminal agony standing behind the bright promise of longevity. Like Tithonus in the Greek myth, we asked for everlasting life and got ever-deteriorating old age instead. We hear a lot about the quality of

living. What worries me now is the quality of dying. My parents' generation could not have foreseen the multitude of health choices thrust upon them. Those of us in our 40s and 50s, a generation that promises to be even longer lived, are going to have to look at those choices and face what they mean. There is no way, economically or spiritually, that we can af-

ford to die the way our parents are dying. When people like Richard Lamm, former governor of Colorado, and the medi-cal ethicist Daniel Callahan suggest that we follow the British in limiting treatment of the old and terminally ill, kneejerk rhetoric from all sides smothers the soul-searching public debate we need.

Somehow, we are going to have to start moving away from a medical model for dying to a humanitarian one, a mod-el that accepts death as the natural end of life and that helps people to die as gracefully and humanely as possible. As the proverb goes, "God save you

from living in interesting times." My generation has lived in interesting times: civil rights, women's rights, sexual liberation, Vietnam. And now this. The activist generation has another job to do. It is time we got started.

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GENERAL NEWS

France Gives Warning to Iran Dissidents

By Joseph Fitchett

International Herald Tribune
PARIS — The French governcry, maintained Thursday that they ders for procedural reasons.

would be deported again if they In rescinding its deportation or-

refrain from political activity couple of them had died," an offi-against Iran from French territory. cial said, "we would have been in As seven Iranians left Gabon for an intolerable position." France, the People's Mujahidin Or-

ment had been forced to reverse "a dirty deal" with Iran.

comed by the foreign governments, year in order in exchange for Iranian help in including the United States and obtaining the release in December Britain, that had called for the distrantant ire.

of two French hostages in Leba sidents to be allowed to return.

but said French restrictions on mu- too inclined to make hostage deals the dissidents' return. jahdidin activities in France were with Iran. essential to prevent any resumption Domestically, the French policy der, appeared to be beeding advisof the terrorist bombings that reversal seemed likely to reinforce ers who warned him that human and obtain the release of more hos-

violated rules on asylum.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac
said on television Thursday night
reasons," officials said, citing their ders against the 15 dissidents, Iran. Mr. Chirac said earlier this week

the ouster, said the French govern- ders."

for those bombings was widely as-signed to Iran. criticism was publicly muted, with Chirac, who is expected to an-Eight other Iranians and Turkish the Socialist Party leader, Lionel nounce his candidacy Saturday, ment, politically embarrassed by Kurds also went to temporary asyhaving to readmit Iranian dissi- lum in Spain. Meanwhile, in a sepadents whose expulsion last month—rate development, French courts
touched off an international out—suspended 10 of the expulsion or suspended 10 of the expulsion

said on television Thursday night reasons," officials said, citing their that the agreement providing for deteriorating physical condition after return included a pledge to ter 37 days on hunger strike. "If a refrain from political activity couple of them had died," an offinosagainst Iran from French territory. cial said, "we would have been in

eign minister, in a radio interview, aries in the Middle East. ganization, which had organized that "there could be no question of said that France's Socialist governhunger strikes and protests against reconsidering the expulsion orthe ouster, said the French governdense to Ison and their supporters, the
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dense to Ison and their supporters, the dents to Iraq and that he had nego- French police arrested some Irani-The French decision will be wel-tiated their return to France last ans, notably two young women, comed by the foreign governments, year in order to protect the lives of including the United States and French hostages in Lebanon from cated in anti-Khomeini violence.

Politically, however, the governnon, France apparently agreed to. In private comments, Western banish some majahidin and other diplomats expressed satisfaction at opponents of Ayatollah Rubollah the discomfiture of French officials, notably Interior Ministers wife, Danielle, publicly sympatomisms of the episode has an involvedged that an Iranian wombeen exploited by President Francis Minterrand, a Socialist. He and because her father was an active his wife, Danielle, publicly sympatoms of the mujahidin. Mr. Chirac denied any such deal, Charles Pasqua whom they view as thized with protesters demanding

Mr. Chirac, in rescinding the orshook Paris in 1986. Responsibility criticism of Mr. Chirac as an over-rights would be an issue in the tages.

sion had focused on France's tradi-tions of political asylum, not on the appeared to acknowledge implicitquestion of political deals with by that it lacked evidence to justify publicly its charges that the dissi-French Socialists apparently dents constituted a threat to

Jean-Bernard Raimond, the for- with Iranian and other intermedi-

"The police were clumsy," said a senior French official, who ac-

Le Monde, the Paris daily, said the damage to Mr. Chirac's credibility might complicate France's ef-

Urges Closer NATO Links

By Karen DeYoung

Wushington Post Service
LONDON — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has called on France and Spain to increase their level of military cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-

In a speech Wednesday to the Foreign Press Association in Lon-don, Mrs. Thatcher expressed the hope "that those NATO members tend their military cooperation" with the NATO alliance.

The definition applies only to France and Spain, neither of which coordinates its military planning with NATO nor has committed its troops to a NATO command.

Mrs. Thatcher made specific reference to France, which withdrew from the NATO integrated structure in 1966 but has recently sought to strengthen its military relationships with West Germany and Brit-

tween the United States and the rest of NATO in Europe, recently By Barry James

Liberals accused Mr. Steel of allowing the tail to wag the dog in making key concessions to the Social Democrats on defense, finance it ions between the Liberal and Social Democrats on defense, finance in the Liberal and Social Democrats on defense in the Liberal and Social Democrats on t Although Britain reserves the ultimate right to use its own nuclear

herself a trans-Atlantic bridge be-

day, it was proposed that the par- and newspapers in line with other forces when and where it sees fit in a national emergency, its weapons The dispute between the two are also committed to coordinated Democrats and adopt a common centrist parties appeared likely to NATO targeting. France, on the consolidate the position of the La- other hand, considers all matters bor Party, which is much further to pertaining to its nuclear deterrent the left than either of the Alliance to be secret and separate from Spain was not mentioned by

> dispute with the United States over the continued basing of 72 U.S. jet fighters on Spanish territory. ■ NATO Meeting Planned

NATO is planning a meeting of

said the 16 leaders would assemble

its 16 heads of government to dem-onstrate the alliance's political solidarity before President Ronald Reagan visits Moscow later this year. Reuters reported Thursday from Brussels. Alliance diplomats and officials

by Danish health authorities indicated a significant increase in who were dead or had already



REMINDER OF PARIS-BONN LINK -- Konrad Adenaner of West Germany and Charles de Gaulle of France are featured on this postage stamp jointly produced by the two countries to commemorate the signing on Jan. 22, 1963, of the treaty providing for coordination of policies in foreign affairs, defense, information and cultural affairs. This is the French version of the stamp.

British Political Center Is in Disarray

The leaders of both parties were consulting grass-roots activists and were scheduled to reconvene Monday to see if there was any point in continuing the negotiations. Both parties are to hold special assemblies on the issue later this month.

But David Steel, the Liberal leader, said he could not see a way forward after the other 16 Liberals kept their separate policies and in the House of Commons rejected, leaderships. a joint policy statement that he had drawn up with the Social Demo- in the general election in June, with crisis rather than a merger crisis." cratic leader. Robert Maclennan, the Social Democrats winning only as being too right-wing.

Party, which has a centuries-old history and which still is a major member House of Commons.

Greaves, a Liberal Party activist. merge formally with the Liberals ical tricks, new faces may be bene- said the parties had fundamental

cial Democratic parties threw the and social policies.

center of the British political spectrum into confusion Thursday was formed in 1981 by moderate

toward the extreme left. Under the leadership of David Owen, a former Labor foreign secretary, they set out to "break the mold" of Britain's two-party system in a formal electoral alliance Parliament and leading party offiwith the long-established Liberals cials.
Within the Alliance, the two parties The

Steel's leadership of the Liberal pared to 27 in the previous Parlia- detail during the talks, which he tional Health Service.

Dr. Owen resigned as party leadforce in local British politics de- er in August and set up a Social spite its shim presence in the 630- Democrat splinter group in Parlia-"I think he will go," said Tony sion of most Social Democrats to Rather than looking for new polit- around a common program. He

merger talks.

6,000-word policy statement. When the statement was made public, it was immediately rejected by the Liberal Party members of

The party's president-elect, Michael Meadowcroft, called the po- Thursday indicated support for the to Madrid, which is locked in a licy statement "so illiberal that we Labor Party at 40 percent, only two The center grouping was routed may well now have a leadership percentage points behind the Concrisis rather than a merger crisis." servatives. The poll suggested Liberal leaders accused Mr. Steel broad support for Labor's attack five seats. Between them, the Alli- of failing to consult his colleagues on the government over allegations The debacle could end Mr. ance partners won 22 seats, com- or of paying enough attention to it has seriously neglected the Na-

acknowledged. The failure of the negotiations also raised questions about Mr. Maclennan's future and could open ment rather than accept the deci- the way for Dr. Owen to resume leadership of Social Democrats.

extend value added tax to food, At the end of the talks Wednes- children's clothing, domestic fuel Socialists who broke away from the ites would become a single group European Community countries.

Tabor Party because of its slide known as the Social and Liberal The dispute between the two

> sition to the Conservative Party of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Liberals objected to several key influenza has hit the Soviet capital. provisions of the policy statement, sending at least 13,000 Muscovites in March or April at NATO headnotably including a commitment to to their beds every day. Tass said quarters in Brussels for their third support deployment of U.S.-built, Wednesday.

partners, as the only credible oppo- NATO. An opinion poll published reference was seen to refer equally

Flu Outbreak Hits Moscow

The Associated Press MOSCOW - An outbreak of

Such arrangements are "useful," Mrs. Thatcher said, provided that the "clear and demonstrable effect is to strengthen NATO, and not to Danes Ask Damages erode or undermine its unity." Mrs. Thatcher, who considers From U.S. Air Force

up after the crash of a U.S. B-52 bomber carrying nuclear war-heads in Greenland 20 years ago are filing damage claims against the U.S. Air Force for illnesses that they contend are related to radiation poisoning. About 1,200 Danes and Greenlanders helped recover the wreckage, and more than 150 have filed for compensation so far, according to Anthony Z. Roisman, their Wash-

U.S. statute of limitations. name. But Mrs. Thatcher's plural On Jan. 21, 1968, a B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed near the U.S. Air Base at Thule, in northwest Greenland. Workers there removed hundreds of tons of ice and snow contaminated by nuclear radiation from the bombs, whose casings were broken in the crash.

> about the danger and wore no protective clothing. The U.S. Defense Department has declined to supply information about the crash, including health data, saying it is top secret. Mr. Roisman said reports

They say they were not told

Danish workers who cleaned

ington-based attorney.

Claimants must file before

Thursday, the deadline under the

cases of respiratory diseases. been prosecuted, or for whom blood and skin cancers and the statute of limitations had run deaths among the people who worked on the clean-up. Birth defects and sterility also have been reported. He said a new Danish health study, expected within a few months, is likely to give further evidence of exposure to radiation and toxic sub-

UN War Crimes List Prompts Bonn Move

West Germany's Central Office for the Prosecution of Nazi War Crimes has sent regional prosecutors the names of 4,500 war crimes suspects that came to light as a result of the decision by the United Nations to release its files on suspected Nazi criminals, according to Alfred Streim, the director of the governmentfinanced office.

Last year, Mr. Streim's office in Ludwigsburg received from the United Nations the names of 30,000 Germans suspected of having being involved in World War II crimes. The 4,500 names sent to prosecutors are from the 17,000 UN cases examined so far. The other 12,500 names turned out to be those of people

out. The 4,500 names are those of persons suspected of murder, for which is there is no statute of limitations in West Germany.

Around Europe

Over widespread protests, the Dublin city council has approved the construction of a four-lane highway, costing 2 million Irish pounds (\$3.2 million). that will cut through the Liberties, the most ancient quarter of the Irish capital, and pass close to St. Patrick's Cathedral, an imposing Protestant church dating from the 12th century.

The U.S. Embassy in London has scheduled lunch-time and after-office hours for U.S. citizens living in Britain who wish to vote in the presidential and/or state primaries. In order to reduce waiting times during normal office hours, the embassy's American Citizen Services Office will be open to voters from 1 to 2 P.M. on Feb. 4 and 18, March 3 and 23, April 8 and 21, and May 11 and 23. It will also be open from 5 to 7 P.M. on Feb. 1. March 1 and 21, April 20, and May 9 and 26.

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Some Fear Infighting, Even a Coup, in Taiwan Due to Chiang's Death

By Fox Butterfield

New York Times Service Chinese and American specialists on Taiwan have expressed concern about the future of the island after the death of President Chiang Ching-kuo, in their view the most significant political event there since 1949.

The experts said they worried that Mr. Chiang's death could lead to political infighting among the Chinese Nationalists, a possible coup by the conservative armed forces or agitation for independence by native Taiwanese, who conservative government and to make up 84 percent of the island's population of 19.4 million.

in turn, any move toward inde-pendence by Taiwan would trouble the Communists in Beijing, who contend that Taiwan is part of China, and could put the United States in an awkward position.

There is doubt as to how the Kuomintang, the ruling party, will evolve, how opposition political figures will react and what position tion with mainland China, which is across the Strait of Formosa. The

Chinese and American authorities take advantage of the situation." on Taiwan said that they expected Miss Lu, a visiting scholar at vice president's post by Mr. favor on a coup.

all sides to exercise restraint and Harvard University, said she Chiang, he is not considered a that after a period of uncertainty strongly supported the new presi
strong political leader and does not the Kuomintang. He was Mr. viding for stability after his death.

such attitudes are a major factor in Deng Xiaoping" in China in protection the virtual ban on all heart, liver that after a period of uncertainty strongly supported the new presi
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Taiwan would resume its political stability and rapid economic

Mr. Chiang's death "ought to make us a little nervous," said William H. Gleysteen Jr., a former deputy chief of the U.S. Embassy in Tarpei and now director of studies at the Council on Foreign Rela-

Chiang was the only person with the sense and power to keep things under control," Mr. Gleysteen said, meaning both the power to push liberalizations through the dissuade the Taiwanese from pushing for more radical change.

"I assume there will also be a considerable amount of anxiety in Beijing," he added, referring to the Communists' concern about the drive for independence by some

The United States recognizes the Communists' claim that Taiwan is part of China. But Washington also has long-standing political, ecothe post-Chiang leadership will nomic and sentimental ties to Taitake on the question of reunifica- pei, with which it had a security

treaty for many years. 100 miles (160 kilometers) away Lu Hsiu-lien, a leading Taiwanese opposition figure who served Republic of China, confined to five and a half years in prison after Taiwan and a few smaller islands taking part in a political demonsince 1949, asserts that it is the stration in 1979, said she was worrightful Chinese government.

Taiwan and a few sinance islands taking part in a pointest denote a constrained of the stration in 1979, said she was worrightful Chinese government.

The army may be constrained an intelligent and moderate techby its knowledge that most of the Despite these concerns, most attempt by the Communists "to

Buddhist monks at the Taiwan Embassy in Seoul lit incense Thursday to honor Chiang Ching-kno.

Taiwanese lobbying group in

Mr. Lee, a native Taiwanese who other key figures to watch: had been vice president, was made president on Wednesday, accordhe will be more than a transitional figure is uncertain.

Although he was chosen for the

Ming-min, president of the Formo- in Taiwan: the military, the securi- good organizer but has been out of san Association for Public Affairs, ty apparatus and the Kuomintang, power for several years. He is teor Nationalist Party. The experts say these are among

• General Hao Pei-tsun, chairman of the chiefs of staff. He is the ing to the constitution. But whether most powerful figure in the military he will be more than a transitional and, like virtually all senior officers, is a mainlander, one of those is viewed as forceful and ambitious The president, who has a doctor-who fled to Taiwan in 1949 with ate in agricultural economics from Mr. Chiang's father, Chiang Kaitroops are Taiwanese and that the United States would look with dis-

dent. Lee Teng-hui, as did Peng have ties to the major power bases. Chiang's closest disciple and is a garded as a moderate

• Yu Kuo-hua, the prime minis-

ter. He will also be in the inner

circle but is not considered a strong • Lin Yang kang, a Taiwanese and a former interior minister. He

and could emerge as an alternative to Mr. Lee. Thomas Gold, a professor at the University of California at Berkeley, said Mr. Chiang had not alwed any real successor to develop heart transplant in Japanese mediis required. cal history.

To Allow for Organ Transplants,

TOKYO - After years of pains-In August 1968, a physician in taking study, the Japan Medical Association has decided to accept Sapporo, Juro Wada, declared a drowned boy to be brain dead, and brain death as a valid definition of death, clearing the way for heart he immediately removed the heart and implanted it into another and other organ transplants that youth, who was dying from a con-genital cardiac disease. The recipi-Still, resistance in Japan to the

three months. anti-transplant campaigners are considered likely to bring charges legal action, accusing Dr. Wada of taking a heart from a still-living Nearly Collide against any hospital that tries to go donor. While no criminal charges But the association's decision were filed, the case dragged on for was an important milestone for six years before it was dropped. Japanese medicine, which has long

By Clyde Haberman

New York Times Service

now are effectively banned.

medical procedure is strong, and

heart is the repository of the soul.

been buffered by the conflicting As part of its recommendations, imperatives of tradition and surgithe medical association's Life Ethics Council said Tuesday that it was Transplant advocates, who form prepared to recognize brain death so long as the patient's family also a steadily increasing number of Japanese physicians, say that it makes no sense for a country as sophisticated as Japan to deny itassumption that such operations self life-saving procedures that are routine elsewhere. are agreed to by donors in advance. Opponents, including many sur-

or by their families. , counter that patients' rights The prescribed criteria for brain may be abused by overzealous transplant specialists, an argument death include deep coma, a flat brain wave, loss of spontaneous that is especially persuasive in a breathing functions and loss of country where attending physicians tend to act imperiously, offerbrain stem reflexes. Physicians other than the transplant surgeon must ing their patients little information. determine that brain function has Complicating the issue are tradiceased, and their conclusion must tional Japanese beliefs that the be reaffirmed six hours later, the

To many Japanese, death occurs only when the heart - not the brain - ceases to function, and

Japanese Panel Redefines Death There has been only one known begin immediately. No legislation

Even so, the medical group's action is not likely to end the dispute. Several medical and legal groups said Wednesday that they still were opposed to transplants and would resist them.

genital cardiac disease. The recipient lived with that heart for nearly U.S. Navy Plane But another physician brought And a Soviet Jet

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON -A U.S. miltary surveillance plane and a Soviet jet fighter came within 15 feet (4.6 meters) of colliding over the Sea of Japan this week, according to U.S. Defense Department officials.

A U.S. Navy P-3 Onion equipped accepts it. Similarly, the council said that organ transplants now would be allowed, again on the would be allowed, again on the when a MiG-23 drew near, according ing to one official.

Another official said the two aircraft were "playing games" when a collision nearly occurred.

Although U.S. and Soviet mili-

tary planes frequently buzz or chase each other in international airspace, the planes usually do not come so close to colliding, the officials said. They said the planes were over international waters when the incident occurred.

The Orion is one of 12 P-3s that The medical association's board the military has converted for interof directors is almost certain to ligence-gathering missions. Most of ratify the panel's conclusions next the P-3s are used for surveillance of week, and, as a practical matter, it surface ships and monitoring subwill mean that transplants could marine movements.

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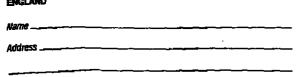
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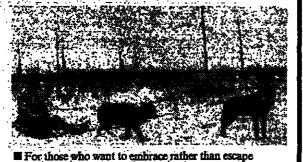
Cycling in a Southern Climate.

If winter threatens to bring bicycling to a halt at home, enthusiasts can spin off to join one of the guided cycling trips offered during the northern winter in various parts of the world. Backroads Bicycle Touring (Post Office Box 1626, San Leandro, California 94577) offers two interesting expeditions: to Bali, a 12-day, \$1,295 trip departing from Los Angeles March 6, which begins at the Bali Hyatt, then pedals into the countryside to temples such as Pura Taman Ayun and Pura Maduwe Karang, lakes such as Bratan and Batur, over mountain passes and down to black sand beaches; to Tasmania, a 12-day, \$1,195 jaunt leaving Feb. 11. In New Zealand, the Vermont Bicycle Touring (Post Office Box 711, Bristol, Vermont) of lets a 21-day trip that covers rolling countryside and the fers a 21-day trip that covers rolling countryside and the southern Alps. The price: \$1,895. Cycle Tours (2007 39th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50310) offers a 16-day, \$1,365 trip to the west coast of North Island, leaving Jan. 25 or Feb. 8. All prices are exclusive of air fares.

Baby Carriages on Spanish Trains

The Spanish national railway system, Renfe, has set up playrooms for toddlers, complete with child care staff, our several trains ruining between major cities. Each train has a special compartment converted into a playroom equipped with small seesaws, a slide, toys, stuffed animals and games. The children can be in the playroom the whole length of the trip. The service, which is free, is available to parents with children under 4 on express trains between Madrid and Cadiz, Madrid and Barcelona, Madrid and Alicante and the run from Barcelona to Seville and on to Malaga. Those trips range from six to nine

In Search of a Real Winter



winter, dog sledding, snowshoe trekking, igloo-making and cross-country ski racing are available in the United States and Europe. Cross-country skiing in a big-time race in Finland is open to novices, who can enter the 15th nnual Finlandia Cross-Country Ski Race, to be run Feb. 28. The 27-mile event starts on a frozen lake near the town of Hameenlina and ends in Lahti, about 70 miles north of Helsinki. Entry for the event costs \$70. Snowshoe trekking in Switzerland (snow permitting) led by a guide named Fredy Schwab goes across the slopes of the Franches Montagues range in the Jura. His tours include six days of trekking on showshoes, with a dogsled carrying enupment. Schwab also offers separate trips of four or five days that include lessons on how to build and survive in igloos. The cost is \$560 for snowshoeing \$320 for the igloo trips. For information contact Abenteuer-Reisen Schwab, 8132 Egg. Switzerland; tel: 984-0966.

Dogsledding in the northeast is offered by Konari Outlitters of Vergennes, Vermont, which runs daylong and overnight dog-sledding and cross-country ski trips in Vermont, upstate New York or Maine. The overnight trips range from three to five days. The cost of a day trip is \$85. Overnight trips run from \$395 to \$525. Contact Rural Delivery I. Post Office Box 441B, Vergennes, Vermont 05491; iel: (802) 759-2100.

Kremlin Churches Restored

Three churches at the Kremlin have been restored as part of a project to give Moscow a face lift by the end of the century, according to the Soviet press agency Tass. The cathedrals of the Assumption, the Amuniciation and the Archangel Michael inside the Kremlin have been given a fresh look by renovators from a state-run company, Soyuzzestavratsiya. Completion of the renovations was timed to coincide with the 1,000th anniversary this year of the arrival of Christianity in Russia. The director of the restoration company, Alexander Lesovoy, said that more than \$1.5 billion would be allocated for overhanling Moscow's architectural monuments and landmarks by the year 2000. Many Muscovites have called recently for better conservation of their city's historical monuments and have objected to some construction projects that would harm existing buildings. This year restoration will begin on buildings of the Lenin Library and a mansion that belonged to the Crarist-era millionaire Savva Morozov, who made contributions to the Bolsheviks. The Bolshoi Theater, too, will close this spring for restoration. The opera and ballet will perform elsewhere until work is completed, which is expect to take at least two years.

Me and You and the Dog Came Too

The dog may be man's best friend, but have you ever tried to book yourself and your best friend into a hotel? Robert and Dawn Habgood have, at places all over Now England. And they have compiled the results into Traveling With Man's Best Friend. 220 page guide to hundreds of inns, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts and resorts that welcome pets. The book, which costs \$10.95, is the second in a series. The first book covered California and an updated version is planned. Each is available from the publishers, Dawbert Press, Post Office Box 2758, Duxbury, Massachusetts 02331.

Celebrating a Viking Invasion

In days of old the sighting of a Viking longboat off the coast of England was cause for panic and a call to arms. Now the city of York, which used to have to fight off the invaders, celebrates the coming of the Norsemen with a festival. With a fireworks display from Clifford's Tower in the heart of York, the fourth annual Jorvik Viking Festival begins a monthlong party on Jan. 30. Sprinkled about the program are stich events as races of long ships. sword fights in the streets, concerts, dramas, feasts, a torchlit procession and, as a finale, a boat burning on the

Arts at the Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, from Feb. 13 to 28, won't be all ski jumps and bobsledding. An Olympics Arts Festival will be held in Calgary Jan. 23 to Feb. 28, with more than 600 performances and exhibitions. "La Tragedie de Carmen," produced by Peter Brook, will be performed at the University Theater from Feb. 17 to 23, and the Shaw Festival will present "You Never Can Tell" at the Max Bell Theater from Feb. 23 to 27. The opening night gala will present the Calgary
Philharmonic playing a newly commissioned work and the
Canadian-born planist Oscar Peterson playing his own
composition, "Olympic Jazz Suite." The Juilliard String Quartet will perform at the Jack Singer Concert Hall on Feb. 1. Other events include an Olympic Film Festival, Feb. 5 to 11, and works by the Josiney Ballet, the National Ballet of Canada and Les Grands Ballets Canadiens.

Kilimanjaro, Three Miles Into Sky

by Donald Stroetzel

T is two and a half hours after mid-night, Tanzanian time. In the light of the full moon lighting our climb, we can look down on the lofty peaks of Kenya's mountains poking up through lay-ered clouds in the lar distance. We are more than three miles into the sky, almost as high as jet liners cruise, and higher at that moment than any of the millions of people on the African continent. Perhaps somewhere in Switzerland a mountaineer is climbing Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn. But even he or she will be no higher than we, working our way up 19,324-foot Mount Kilimanjaro. It is Africa's highest peak, and we have never climbed a mountain before.

Scaling the jagged Mawenzi, the lower of Kilimanjaro's twin peaks, is a risky technical climb that, the week before, had cair canno that, the week before, had claimed the life of a young Austrian. But ascending the rounded higher peak, Kibo, requires no knowledge of mountaineering, no special gear. Each year hundreds of people tackle this mountain via the gentle Marangu trail. A 50-mile walk up and back, it is nowhere steeper than San Francisco's Nob Hill. "The summit can be reached by any reasonably lit person who enjoys walking," says one guidebook. By "anyone under 70 with good lungs, fit enough to walk 12 miles a day," says another. Even can-tious Abercrombie & Kent, one of the com-panies offering the Kilimanjaro climb as a safari add-on, insists only that you see your doctor before signing up to ascertain your tolerance for exercise in thin air.

My wife and I are two no-longer-young Connecticut suburbanites who play a little tennis, walk, and bike sporadically. We love adventure, but we also want odds against mishap to be at least 1,000 to 1. We found ourselves pulled irresistibly to the prospect of actually scaling the mountain that had so fascinated Ernest Hemingway. "And there, ahead," he had written,

as wide as all the world, great, high, and unbelievably white in the sun, was the square top of Kilimanjaro." When the Swiss missionary Johann Rebmann reported in 1848 seeing a "beautiful snow mountain" 180 miles inland from the Indian Ocean, members of Britain's Royal Geo-graphical Society gulfawed. How could there possibly be snow, three degrees south of the Equator? The local Chagga ribe believed evil sprints would kill anyone who tried to scale it. But in 1889, a German geologist, Hans Meyer, made it to the sulfur-leaking volcanic crater and glistening glaciers atop Kilimanjaro's Kibo peak.

And now we would follow in his foot-

On our doctor's insistence, we each took and passed electrocardiograph tests (striding uphill on a treadmill) to satisfy him that our hearts could withstand the stress of reaches.

IGNING for a seven-day Kilimanjaro climb added \$768 apiece to the cost of our Kenya-Tanzania safari. For the first and last days the package included meals and room with bath at the Kibo Hotel near the entrance gate at Kilimanjaro National Park, where the climb begins at about 6,100 feet. For the trek itself (31/2 days up, 11/2 down), we were to get bearty meals cooked over wood fires plus bunks in trailside A-frame huts on which to lay our sleeping bags. To cut firewood, do the cooking tote provisions and clothing and keep us going with words of encourage-ment, our deal included the exclusive services of two guides and three porters.

Our great adventure began with a bumpy, half-day Land-Rover ride from the Kenya game preserve of Amboseli. A tent-ed camp or lodge at Amboseli is a great departure point, for it affords excellent opportunities to photograph Kilimanjaro with elephants, graffes or your spouse in the foreground. Alternatively, one can fly directly to Kilimanjaro International Airport, a 40-minute drive from your basecamp hotel. There are two flights weekly

from Nairobi, Kenya, and two daily from Tanzania's capital, Dar es Salaam. Less frequently, European carriers fly in directly or connect with Ethiopian Airline flights at Addis Ababa Your starting place for the climb is either

the Marango or Kibo Hotel, set amid mango and banana trees at the southern base of had the look of a large Alpine pension weathered by the tropics. Posted in each room is a notice from the

Kilimanjaro National Park. Don't be alarmed, it says, if you get some headaches, nausea and vomiting at high altitudes. They're normal. But beware of the infrequent but potentially fatal pulmonary edema that comes from too much exercise in thin air. The symptoms: dry cough and bloodstained sputum; raing chest noises; lips, nose, tongue and ears turning blue. The bulletin's advice: "Walk at a steady pace, stick to the recommended climbing schedule, drink four to six liters of water daily, do not weaken yourself by carrying for weaker members of the party . . .

German and Austrian guests who had climbed Kilimaniaro before affirmed that muscle tone matters little in the adjustment to high altitude. Indeed, the first person to climb Everest without oxygen, Reinhold Messner, had trained on Kilimanjaro.

Our first evening at the Kibo, the hotel manager was reassuring "You've brought the right clothing," he said: shorts and sleeveless shirts for the lower reaches; sweaters, long underwear, ski clothes and

mittens for up high. (The hotel rents sleeping bags and hikers' poles.) EXT morning we were awakened

by the bell for 6:30 Mass at the

little Roman Catholic church across the dirt road from the botel. Just after breakfast we met the five young Chaggas who would shepherd us. "Jambo, mama, jambo, papa," said Likuli, our chief guide, using the Swahili word for welcome. In his early 20s, a short, wiry veteran of more than 100 climbs, he wore a jaunty beret and carried a battery-powered transistor radio that would have delighted any New York subway noise polluter. In very passable English, he introduced Millard, our assistant guide, and the three porters who would carry provisions and clothing on their heads in great red duffel bags that were supposed to weigh no more than 30 pounds but often did.

We look after you very good," Likuli said. "Just be sure you go pole, pole." Pronounced poley, it means slowly in Swa-nili. It was to be our marching song, our edge on youth, our alibi for taking hours more than the norm on each day of the climb, for the slower the pace the easier the We lunched that first day on beef sand-

wiches, hard-boiled eggs and bananas, while sitting astride giant roots overhang-ing a tumbling waterfall. A trailside sign told us we were an hour and a half from Mandara hut, our stopover for the night. We took a more relaxed two hours. Mandara, at 8,493 feet, is actually not

one hut but a cluster: a rustic A-frame Gilman's Point at 18,640 feet, which can chalet with sawhorse-supported dining tables, surrounded by 8-by-8-foot A-frames where you sleep on double-decker wooden bunks carved with graffiti like "Hans, El-len, and Frank, 8/3/86." (Expect to be

assigned roommates if any of the four

bunks are empty). There were perhaps 40 climbers at tea and later at dinner, about half of them members of a Zurich hiking We awoke to a beautiful crisp morning and stood in line to brush our teeth in an

outside sink fed by water from a mountain It was hard to go anything but slowly over the next half-hour of climbing, steeper

than earlier. The great roots and vines served as grippers for pulling overselves upward. Then, suddenly, where the altitude could no longer support rain forest, we were in gently rising moorland dotted with giant heather trees up to 30 feet tall. Violets, the delicate orange-red impatiens kili-manjari and other wildflowers filled the spaces between the great clumps of grass that became our stepping stones. Just ahead loomed jagged Mawenzi, its brown turned gold under the sun's rays. Still miles beyond, topping the upward-sloping pla-teau we would be climbing, was Kibo, with its skullcap of snow. Would we make it to honestly be described as reaching Kibo's top? Or perhaps even walk up another 700 feet over glaciers to look down the volcano's mouth, at Uhuru peak? About three quarters of the climbers make it to the top, we had heard. But from those we met, it was a very fit majority, mostly veteran alpine hikers, not your run-of-Central-Park

Sunday strollers.

At about 11,000 feet we were beginning to feel the altitude. Breathing took more effort. Walking along, recounting our im-pressions on the tape recorder, we sounded out-of-breath on the playback.

HE recommended time to Horombo hut is five hours. We took seven. At 12,405 feet, roughly the altitude of La Paz, Bolivia, the highest large city in the world, we camped for the night. Cold in our sleeping bags, we got up to put on warmups over our pajamas. We slept fitfully; again, part of the altitude adjustment.

There was ice on the fringes of the stream that morning, and the ground was frozen hard. Starting out on our eight-mile hike to Kibo hut, we encountered lobelias and groundsels grown to giant toughness to cope with Kilimanjaro's stresses. At times, winding our way over hillsides,

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Teotitlán, Mexico: Town of 5,000 Weavers

by Betty Freudenheim

THE cacti, dwarf trees and small farm plots that dot the vast plateau of the Mexican state of Oaxaca create subtle harmonies of green and other right up to the jagged gray profile of the Sierra Madre. As the Pan American Highway traces an unswerving black line across this high plain, a blue signpost overhead indicates, by a pattern of white lines symbolizing interwoven threads, the turnoff for Teotitlan del Valle. The name means "God-place of the Valley," but it is locally known as the town of 5,000 weavers.

For centuries in Teotitian and throughout the region, lessons in weaving and spinning have been a part of childhood. In the nearby village of Santo To-más, women and children make belts and small purses; their shuttles form intricate patterns on simple backstrap looms, consisting of warp threads tied to trees at one end and, at the other, around the waist of the weaver. In Oaxaca, weavers produce brightly colored tabledoths and bedspreads on broad wooden looms. The shawls with knotted fringes, called rebo-zos, that are woven in Mitia do double duty throughout the country as head pads on which women balance loads of all kinds, as when they take vegetables to market. Teotitlán's reputation once rest-ed on its traditional woolen scrapes, handwoven by men; today the men weave rugs for tourists and export while the women do the spinning.

Teotitlán's main street, Avenida Juárez, will awaken any driver who has been mesmerized by the monotony of the asphalt highway. The rock-studded dirt road twists like a dry river bed as it ascends the hillside. Behind high adobe walls with large wooden gates are the weavers' homes.

door weaving market (open from 10 to 5 daily), provides an overview of the work produced by local artisans. Dozens of rugs hang from the bare wooden beams; ers are stacked on tables or folded on the floor. The interplay of brilliantly colored yarns creates a fiesta atmosphere. It is appropriate that these rugs are displayed as wall hangings rather than

of famous works of art. In some there is a strong influence of the heritage of the region. Tourists who have visited the nearby 2,000-year-old ruins of the palace at Mitla will recognize the dramatic stone facade's geometric motifs worked in red and black yarns. Other weavers have recreated the codices or carvings of Yucatán, which serve as illustrated histories of walked on. As in Renaissance tapestries, pre-Hispanic Mexico.

Artisans striving for a more popular

appeal have borrowed from modern art. Copies of Matisse's blue paper cutouts are ubiquitous, although the figures dif-fer slightly with each translation into yarn. Versions of Joan Miro's paintings in primary hues hang nearby. There are also variations on M.C. Escher's rows of fish profiles that metamorphose into stylized birds and then back to fish. Rugs with multicolored stripes might have been inspired by the American minimal-

ist painter Kenneth Noland -- or he by

One basic characteristic distinguishes these European tapestries. In traditional, European-style work, the back of the tapestry is covered with rivulets of loose thread ends, left hanging after each yarn change. The serape convention prevails: Every new thread is woven into the cloth. As a result, one side is the mirror image of the other, so the weaving can be re-

Prices vary according to size and the complexity of the design. Simple 3-by-5-foot rugs (about 90 by 150 centimeters) may cost less than \$20. A more intricate pattern of the same size, requiring 15 or more days of work, might cost \$100. Immense, room-size works of art that occupy a weaver for two to three months will probably cost more than \$1,000. Prices for small rugs, especially those sold at the weekly markets of villages around Teotitlan, are negotiable. Roberta French, the U.S. consul in Oaxaca. who is also a weaver, advises shoppers not to worry about making an offer that is too low. "You never pay too little," she said. "They know what the bottom price

For those who want to see the work in progress, a knock at almost any gate in town should gain admission to weavers' homes. From the central courtyard - the hub of activity in every home - open doorways provide partial views of looms, spinning wheels, dye pots and cooking. The sounds of chickens, radio music and chatting voices are hushed as the visitor enters, but the rhythmic counterpoint of

the looms continues in the background. In the courtyard, several generations of women, grouped together, card fleeces to untangle the fibers or spin yarn on large wheels. One area is set apart for dyeing.

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The tapestries of the weaver Isaac Vásquez. A first stop at Hidalgo, a covered out-

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'Maxing Out' on Jargon: A Guide to What It Means

by Roger Collis

World of travel can more than hold its own in the blitz of neoloy gisms, cuphemisms and acronyms from the big league players in business and business and bureaucracy. According to Stanley Zilch, director of semantics at Blue Skies Research Institute in Broken Springs. Colorado, Travelspeak is now recognized as a legitimate force in bizspeak. Along with computerspeak it has become a seminal influence among jargon junkies everywhere."

More often than not travelspeak is pompous, otione and baffling; sometimes it is expressive, useful and fun. The Frequent Traveler "Best Epithet of 1987" award goes to a girl from Department of the Properties of the State of t to a girl from Denver whom I met on a train tour of the Scottish Highlands. "My credit card has 'maxed out'," she announced (whether with relief or anguish, it was hard to tell) after a shopping trip.

As in bizspeak, travelspeak breaks travelers into "target groups." There was a time when marketing people defined this in demographic terms (such as business travelers aged 15 to 55 who make 3.5 short-haul trips a month). Nowadays, they talk about consumer motivation or "psychographics" (life-styles) which may take into account "aspira-

tional undercurrents," or hidden dreams.

American Express has identified four categories of independent travelers who share 'contemporary" values. These are: "adventurers" (the young up-and-coming, who backpacked at college and look for immersion in new cultures); "elitists" (older and more affluent, who travel all year round to less traditional tourist centers); "gray pan-thers" (the affluent retired who have the time, money and inclination to take long vacations) and "business extenders" (frequent business travelers who like to extend

their trip by adding on a few days vacation).

Princess Cruises (part of the P&O group) in London has clearly defined the target groups for "fly/sail/cruise" packages. Says David Dingle, the London-based marketing director, "We're aiming to attract both 'dinkies' (dual income no kids yuppies) and 'woopies' (well-off older people)."

When you've decided which hat you're werning the next step is to evolvin to the

wearing, the next step is to explain to the travel agent. If you're looking for a cut-price ticket, your best bet might be a "bucket shop" (an unlicensed agent) although any good IATA-appointed agent will be able (if not always willing) to give you a discount on an official IATA tariff. Officially approved discount or "promotional" (ares have names like PEX and SUPERPEX (bookable up to departure) APEX (advanced purchase), and a raft of come-on, or "deep discount" fares which means that the three seats available at

this price are sold out by the time you book. Your travel agent will call up fares and tained-off sections of the economy cabin), flights on his CRS, or computerized reserva-

bility of selling seats on planes but to book hotels, car rentals, trains and other travel services. CRSs are a powerful marketing tool and major source of revenue for airlines that can charge others a hefty fee to have their fares and flights listed. Each airline tries to install its own CRS exclusively in travel agents' offices. Battle has been joined be-tween the giant U.S. CRSs, APOLLO (Unit-ed Airlines) and SABRE (American) and two newly formed consortia in Europe, GA-LILEO (British Airways, Swissair, Austrian. KLM and Alitalia - the latter, according to scuttlebut in the trade, being attracted by the name) and AMADEUS (Air France, SAS, Lufthansa and Iberia). Three airlines in the Asia-Pacific region (Cathay Pacific, Thai and Singapore Airlines) recently announced

a new regional consortium called ABACUS.

The hot issue for travelers is "CRS bias." This results from the competitive advantage enjoyed by the "host carrier" to favor its own flights. It can take several forms: For example, "screen padding" by a host carrier, "dual listing" the same flight; "code-sharing" (displaying a connection that involves a change of plane —or a change of "gauge" to a feeder line — as a through or direct flight by giving it one flight number. Be aware that direct does not necessarily mean non-stop). You may not know all the answers but it car pay to ask the right questions ("Oh, by the way, are any fifth freedom carriers flying this route?") "Fifth freedom" is when the airline of one country has the right to carry passen-gers between other countries, for example, if you were to fly Air Lanka between London and Zurich (a flight that might not be listed on the CRS of your agent in London).

If you fly business class, you are a "high

yield" passenger. This means that you are a "non-discretionary" traveler, paying top dollar for a flexible ticket and a few frills. Sooner or later, you will be a victim of "involuntary denied boarding," or "bump-ing." This is jargon for what happens when you are refused a seat on a flight for which you have an "O.K.," or confirmed reservation. It is a penalty imposed by the airline for the right to "no show" (not to turn up for a flight on which you are booked). Every airline overbooks to compensate for the 15 to 20 percent of no shows. This is the work of airlines' "yield managers" whose job is to maximize "load factors," or the ratio of seats

Business class is a semantic jungle all its own. Take your pick from "Pacific" (Air New Zealand), "Marco Polo" (Cathay Pacific). "First Business Class" (SAS), "Preferior." ence Class" (Iberia), "Navigator Class Top Executive" (Air Portugal), "Gold Class" (South African Airways), "Ambassador Class" (not to be confused with "Royal Ambassador." first class on TWA) and "Upper Class" (Virgin Atlantic).

You can expect "dedicated" cabins (curtions system. These are airline databanks port lounges, all with varying degrees of that provide agents not only with the capadedication, but that's another story.

An Architect's Dream in San Francisco

by Paul Goldberger

OHN PORTMAN is perhaps the best-known botel architect in the world. His Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, completed in 1967, was the first postwar hotel with a central atrium, and it changed the nature of hotels everywhere, replacing the banal boxes of the Hiltons and Sheratons with the Portman trademarks of vast atrium spaces, fountains and glass-enclosed

Portman spent the 1970s designing one hotel after another — each one, it seemed, higger and showier than the one before. But his real dream, he had said for a long time, was to design a hotel that would free him from the stereotype of the architect as producer of extravaganzas; it would prove that he could design a small luxury hotel, a building that would rank as a serious work of architecture as well as set new stan-

dards for hotelkeeping. Thus was the Portman Hotel in San Francisco born. Portman developed this 348-room luxury hotel and put his name on the door as a signal to the world that he had something in him besides huge glitzy hotels with enormous atriums and rows and rows of glass elevators. The Portman does not have a huge atrium and rows and rows of glass elevators. It does have a small atrium and

only four glass elevators.

So the first surprise is that the \$100 million Portman, which was built to compete with San Francisco's smaller, elegant hotels such as the Huntington, the Four Seasons Clift and the Mandarin, does not look as different from other Port-man-designed hotels as it was supposed to. But it does not look the same, either. This 21-story building is a miniature version of the Portman formula, made considerably more opulent thanks to luxurious materials and considerably better workmanship.

The second surprise — and this comes from a critic who has come to view most of Portman's signature elements as overworked cliches by now - is that it is really not bad. The Portman is not the profound work of architecture that Portman set out to design, and it does prove that he is something of a Johnny one-note. But for all that, this hotel is a surprisingly pleasing building to be in, with unusually comfortable and well-designed rooms as well as personal valet service on each floor.

HE hotel works best from the inside out. The rooms are the best thing of all, and the public areas and the atrium are the next best. The exterior of brick and cast stone in a constantly repeating motif of arches is the most disappointing part of the design — Portman was trying to evolve out of these arches piled upon arches a kind of contemporary classicism, but the result, unfortunately, manages to look both fussy and clunky at the same time. Given that most people spend a lot more time in their hotel rooms than out on the sidewalk contemplating the facade, however, the fact that the rooms are more graceful than the overall architecture is a better state of affairs than if it were the other way around. The success of the interiors is particularly impressive sinceit bespeaks an earnest concern about

the way in which hotel rooms work. The rooms are decorated in a kind of soft, sensuous Modernism. There are no hard edges — lots of carpet-ing, lots of wood, marble and granite. It is a bit corporate in tone nothing is on the cutting edge aesthetically, but nothing is dowdy or tired, either. There are exceedingly handsome desks and sideboards of wood and granite that make it clear Portman has not missed the current vogue for the work of the early Modemists Josef Hoffmann and Charles Rennie Mackintosh, and headboards that might be called amiable, discreet exercises in Post-Modernism. The walls are decorated with reproductions of 18th-century architectural prints of classical motifs and contemporary collages of mar-bleized Italian papers and metallic varn. Most of the windows are semicircular, a shape that is unusually gracious from within, even though the pattern vielded by dozens of semicircles on the outside is prissy in

The rooms vary in size, and sever-al are on the small side. But they all have exceptionally lavish bathrooms of brown marble, with splendid fit-ings — enormous pedestal sinks, ample shelving, gracefully curving bathtub rails, well-positioned and well-lighted mirrors, and, in almost every case, glass-enclosed stall show-

While the hotel is lavishly staffed while the hold is lavishly statice with concierges, bellmen and the like, the major selling point is personal valet service on each guest-room floor. Each valet, who has charge of seven rooms, unpacks luggage, brings guests tea upon checkin, delivers newspapers and packages, presses clothing, shines shoes and keeps moons tidy in between the and keeps rooms tidy in between the visits of the chambermaid.

It is a system that works remarkably well. There were occasional slip-ups during my visit. A Federal Express package mysteriously disappeared after the concierge's call to announce its arrival, and two hours passed before the valet delivered it. On another occasion, shoes left out for the valet to shine at night were

not returned by his replacement on the morning shift, and until they were found 20 minutes after my phone call, I contemplated whether I would rather be late for a meeting or head for the financial district in my

But many other requests were handled graciously and rapidly. The valets who served the floor were courteous and unobtrusive, respectful of guests' privacy and yet quick to respond whenever one pushed the call button in the room. The valets keep out of sight unless called.

In a gesture that may be appreciated by even more visitors than the personal valet system, the hotel has a flexible check-out system. Departing guests are asked when they expect to leave and what sort of transportation service they may require, and incoming guests are asked their expected arrival time. Guests who leave between 4 and 6 P.M. are charged an additional 50 percent of the daily room rate; after 6 P.M. an additional day's charge is made, but guesis may leave at whatever hour they wish.

The hotel which has a fleet of Rolls-Royces to pick up guests at the airport, also offers two-line telephones in each room as well as 24nour room service with food of exceptionally high quality for a hotel. The style is what is generally known as California nouvelle cuisine, and it is not inexpensive: Typical à la carte entrees run from grilled squab for \$11 at lunch to poached Norwegian salmon with clams for \$22 at dinner.

There is one restaurant, the Portman Grill off the main lobby, a comfortable and simple space that uses to advantage the lights, sculpture and architectural decoration of the atrium. There is also a separate bar. an informal club-style room with outdoor deck on the top floor of the hotel, and a business conference center. The one amenity the Portman lacks, that one would expect in a new hotel of this quality, is a fitness center: the hotel, however, says it can arrange for guests to use near-

OR all the pleasure the service at the Portman brings, one inevitable comes back as ne inevitably comes back to the architecture — if only because John Portman's name is so intimately connected with hotel design, and because he himself has billed this hotel as his arblest effort. The truth is that the hotel, as a building, is not the epoch-making event that Port-man's original Hyart Regency in Atlanta was, and neither is it the subtle exercise in classicism that Portman's press agents claim it is. The hotel is Portman's standard formula, this time rendered in materials of the highest quality, with none of the harshness of Portman's huge com-



The atrium's sculpture is "Joie de Dance" by Elbert Weinberg.

mercial hotels, and brought down to a human scale that is absent in Portman's gargantuan projects such as

the Marriott Marquis in New York. By now the idea of the atrium has become so intimately connected with huge convention hotels like the Marriott and others that it is puzzling why Portman chose to repeat it here: The signal it sends is big and commercial, not small and luxurious. The result is a building that has

a kind of divided personality - one

part formal lush decorum and one part bombast. Its halves do not quite connect to make a coherent work of architecture - for all that genuine, and sometimes speciacular, pleasure that staying at the Portman can en-

Rates at the Portman range from \$185 to \$285 for a single room, \$220 to \$320 for a double, \$375 to \$1,110

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Climbers take a rest on their way up Mount Kilimanjaro.

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Close to Sloane Square and Knightsbridge, the Sloane Club is ideally subsited for visits to Buckingitum Palace, the Houses of Parliament, theatreland and the City.

so they could have fires and hot tea ready when we arrived at Kibo. Suddenly, rounding a hill, we were on moonscape, the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. An alpine desert, it is strewn with great volcanohurled boulders, some weighing hundreds of tons. More and more, we felt the altitude. A bone-weariness, the beginnings of dull head-

Finally, as we labored over yet

we could see no other humans. The guides, respecting our privacy, kept well behind us, periodically catching up to make sure we were all right. The porters pushed on ahead right. The porters pushed on ahead once again.

Actually, we could not have hurseemed like five miles.

The tea and biscuits awaiting us at the unheated Kibo hut, 15,557 feet, helped relieve the freezing another hill, we could make out the cold and the nausea we were beginhut a mile or so up — a little stone ming to feel. About 7 P.M., after fortress of a building with an over- downing an early dinner of beef

HOULD we attempt the fi-nal ascent? It was scheduled to begin at ! A.M. under moonlight. By thus starting in ried if we had wanted to. For we moonlight. By thus starting in were nearing that 15,000-foot level darkness, one could see the sunrise beyond which our safari leader in from Gilman's Point and have time Kenya had warned us that "man is not only to go on to Uruhu Peak but to get back to Horombo hut by step was an effort. The last thousand feet, up a 15-degree incline, go that long climb and hike. Yet we have come this (ar. Reaching the top has become an obsession. We

would have to at least give it a try.
It was the right decision, for what followed was the whipped cream on our adventure sundae. Awakened at midnight by Likuli, we layered atop winter underwear all our other cold-weather gear and started up the trail, joined by our guides and a dozen other hikers and their chaggas. We were elected to lead the way, not because the others discerned hidden qualities of leadership but out of deference to our years.

Never had our bodies seemed so ture of our fives. unresponsive. Even to lean down and tie a shoelace was great effort.

ing rhythm our bodies could tolerate, we tried advancing 25 paces. then stopped momentarily to rest. Encouraged, we tried 35. Still tolerable. But 50 was too many. We were exhausted. Someone else would have to lead. We dropped

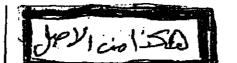
Finally, at about 17,000 feet, we had had enough of the hardest work of our lives, and we decided to head down. Had we taken an extra day at Horombo hut we probably would have adjusted enough to the altitude to have communed on to the top.

Working our way slowly down. taking care not to slide on the volcanic gravel, we felt not disappointment but an inner elation. We had put our bodies to the severest of tests and not found them wanting: a confidence builder for the years to come. And we were slive and well to tell our children and grandchildren about the greatest adven-

The trail, clearly lighted by the full lives in Connecticus. He wrote this Donald Stroetzei is a writer who moon, zigzagged to reduce the for The New York Times.

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look forward to in 1988? A single family of Parisian restaurateurs gives a concise response, conve-Their two restaurants are pretty well led between bistro and post-nouvelle, sine and style offering a bit of what

Phoking for today,

Fancher family story is an unusual Some years ago Gerard Faucher and sinced to his father, Raymond, that the lefty mear business would not be a father-

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ch affair. Gerard was going to become a

My son wouldn't follow me, so I followed m," laughed Raymond, who four years ago traded his butcher's apron for a chef's toque, and took over Le Caméléon, a funky neighborhood bistro in Montparnasse. As a meat wholesaler, the senior Faucher had supplied cat to Le Caméléon's previous owner. "I was supplier, client, friend, and finally successor," he notes.

The Cameleon is one of my favorite recent finds. Although the menn includes the litany of standard bistro fare — salade frisée, steak rte aux pommes - it also offers many imaginative and surprising specialties. The food sort of sparkles with freshness, and itiese's a wealth of salads. There is a warm salade de queue de boeuf, a giant mound of perfectly moist, well-seasoned shredded oxthis set on a bed of curiy endive and radicchio, as well as mixed salads topped with lardons and a poached egg, or with meltingly tender duck gizzards, or gently guilled croftins of goat cheese.

My favorite main course here is the morne à la provençale, a warm blend of sait cod and tomatoes, served with aioli, a super-garlicky mayonnaise, and tender, boiled potatoes. And don't leave without trying the classic tendrons de veau, a superb veal stew served with fresh pasta, or the fine apple tart, with a good, flaky crust and a sprinkling of sugar

The limited wine list includes some good buys, including Alphonse Mellot's Sancerre Jean-Marie Penet's gamay de Touraine, and a good Saumur Champigny. Most of the ines are priced at less than 100 francs.

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The crowd at Le Caméléon is distinctively democratic; mailmen and bank presidents, gray-haired matrons and blue-jeaned students sit convivially side by side

No one comes here for the decor. The floral wallpaper could give you a headache, and the dining room appears to be outfitted with castoffs from grandma's attic. But Jacqueline Faucher is a warm, gentle hostess, ing. The menu is not a carbon copy of so many others, but offers some new, wellconceived specialties.

Entering this restaurant is a bit like leaving Paris while staying within its boundaries. Pretty china and fresh flowers are mingled with antique prints, rustic armoires and Oriincluding the handkerchief-sized kitchen, where Gerard continues to turn out modern,

imaginative, light French fare.
His minestrone, on a recent visit, was a vibrantly flavored blend of scallops and oysters, a soup that offered a beautiful marriage of ocean flavors mixed with a touch of pasta and Raymond seems to have the kitchen under control. This is a place to return to

time and again.
As the senior Fauchers went about their career changes, Gérard and his wife, Nicole continued to improve and embellish Gérard et Nicole, the restaurant in country-auberge style they began in the mid-1970s, when nouvelle cuisine was at its peak.

When people ask "Whatever happened to nouvelle ensine?" I send them to places like this. Gérard Faucher's cuisine is a textbook example of how the best of nouvelle cuisine is evolving. His food is pretty but not fussy. Portions are substantial but not overwhelm-

The crowd at Le Caméléon is distinctively democratic: mailmen and bank presidents.

and tiny cubed vegetables in a heavenly

Equally appealing were the tournedos de lotte bardés de jambon fumé, chunks of monkfish wrapped in paper-thin slices of delicately smoked ham and served with a healthy portion of fresh green fava beans. Monkfish and bacon are a classic combination, but it's a dish that rarely comes off well, for the smokiness and saltiness of the bacon tends to overwhelm the firm but delicately flavored monkfish. Here, the lightly-flavored ham serves as a perfect companion.

Other good bets include the filet de barbue la montarde ancienne, brill bathed in whole-grain mustard sauce, and the ravioli de chevre — ravioli filled with goat cheese. The dish may not have a very polished look, but it rewards the palate with fine flavors and textures.

I'm less enthusiastic about the pastries a trio of amateurish fruit tarts and an overbearing licorice ice cream --- but this remains a spot to recommend for a quiet, romantic dinner in the city.

Le Caméléon, 6 Rue de Chevreuse, Paris 6; tel: 43.20.63.43. Closed Sunday and Monday. No credit cards. About 150 francs a person, including wine and service.

Gérard et Nicole, 6 Avenue Jean Moulin, Paris 14; tel: 45.42.39.56. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Credit card: Visa. A menu degustation at 320 francs; à la carte, about 400 francs, including wine and service.

Shatin: Hong Kong's Urban Showcase

by Fred Ferretti

HATIN, Hong Kong — Ten years ago Shatin was a quiet patch of farmland in Hong Kong's New Territories, with water buffalo pulling plows through geometric acres of rice pad-dies and fishermen's cottages along the Shing Mun River. It was an evocation of rural China, even though it was only 10 miles north of the teeming city of Kowloon, sepa-rated from Hong Kong's busiest district by the steep Lion Rock Hills.

Today it is the most energetic of Hong ong's so-called new towns, a city of more than 300,000 people that is expected to grow to 500,000 within a decade. There are forests of 40-story high-rises with highways, viaducts and overpasses crisscrossing about them, a new 17-story hotel, shopping plazas and malls, dozens of restaurants, even a race track. What had been virtually vacant countryside has become an urban showcase amply demonstrating the British crown colony's singular energy and its ability to expand and

Shatin is a place of parks, urban plazas, cinemas and branches of Japanese department stores, a weekend getaway for the peo-ple of Kowloon — 10 minutes away by train and a growing tourist destination.

Perhaps more significant, however, is that Shatin provides what is possibly a view of the Hong Kong of the future, because it sits in the New Territories, the 350 square miles of land between Hong Kong proper and the border of China that are the subject of immediate concern in negotiations on ending the British lease on the colony. The lease expires in June 1997. The New Territories are on a 99-year lease signed in 1898. Hong Kong Island and Kowloon were leased in perpetuity, but in fact the lease terms have come to include the entire colony. Many Hong Kong residents believe that, in the years leading to the end of the lease, and immediately thereafter, Hong Kong's expansion lies in these New Territories.

UT there is more to Shatin than cement and polished granite and shop-ping malls like the New Town Plaza, where the waters of a computerized fountain dip and soar to symphonic music and recall the dancing waters reminiscent of Radio City Music Hall's earlier days. It has developed as a city but has managed to preserve some of the atmosphere of old China. Just beyond the Lion Rock Tunnel, which

now cuts through the hills around Shatin, across a small valley from a mountain the people of Shatin call Amah Rock — they say t resembles a nursemaid carrying a child on her back — lies Tsang Tai Uk, a preserved walled village. Here 200 people live the rural life, much as the inhabitants did when the village was built 140 years ago. Tsang Tai Uk is a compound enclosed by long parallel rows of two-story masonry houses. Each building contains an elaborate ancestral hall of red- and gold-gilded woods that is used for worship as well as an entry into the enclave, which is dotted with small gardens and chicken coops. Tsang Tai Uk translates literally as Mr. Tsang's Big House, and virtually all the villagers are named Tsang.

the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), when it was reported that a village called Tai Wai had been founded four centuries earlier. People in Shatin say that the rice from Tai Wai's fields was so fine that it was sent to the Imperial Court.

Shatin houses the Che Kung Temple, named for a general of the Sung Dynasty (960-1279). The temple, which is close to Shatin's main railroad station, is of stuccocovered stone, dark and exceedingly quiet. There are several carved Buddhas, but the feature that distinguishes the temple is the forest of circular incense hoops hanging from its ceiling. Che Kung is a favorite place for weekend visits by the Chinese of Kowloon, who come to burn the incense hoops, to pray to their ancestors and to celebrate the coming of the Lunar New Year and other traditional holidays. Close by is the Four-Face Budda, a statue with four faces carved in wood in Thailand. The shrine is always bedecked with flowers set before it by pray-

Also near the station —431 steps up from it — is the Temple of Ten Thousand Buddhas, where, if you care to count them, 12,800 small Buddhas of carved wood and sculptured clay, some painted bright scarlet, are set into its walls. The hillside temple is marked by a bright red nine-story pagoda. By climbing 69 more steps the visitor finds the Temple of Man Fai, dedicated to the monk Yuet Kai, who founded it. His preserved body, covered with gold, sits with closed eyes inside.

erful Buddhists.

HOUGH it has developed far more quickly than others, Shatin is typical of the new settlements that have sprung up in the New Territories, towns that have grown simply because Kowloon and Hong Kong Island, the core of the colony. cannot hold an ever-expanding population now well above five million. In such New Territories towns as Fo Tan, Tai Po and Fanling, apartment buildings, owned and operated by the Hong Kong government, continue to be built, along with markets and shopping centers. Shatin also has a luxurious racecourse, owned by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, where the diversion is flat racing on a grass track.

Some tour operators, particularly those in Australia, are booking groups into Shatin's new Hotel Riverside Plaza, where there are swimming pools, a health center, several restaurants and a discothèque. Guests who ride the hotel's shuttle bus to Kowloon's Tsim Sha Tsui shopping area walk through mails and boutiques selling everything from silks to the latest electronic gadgetry. In one of Shatin's mall developments, Shatin Inter-City, visitors strolling among the shops that are lively imitations of those in Kowloon find several restaurants.

They may also discover the Palm Beach Sauna and a huge swimming pool that form part of the huge recreational center built for the residents of Shatin Inter-City. Nearby is Shatin New Town Plaza, next to a budding park called Shatin Central Park.

The cynosure of New Town Plaza is its fountain. Each afternoon, just before 12:45, hundreds of people, many elderly and children among them, pull up folding chairs and chink train to Shatin, walked to the Riverside Plaza, had dinner in the Botania and a late drink

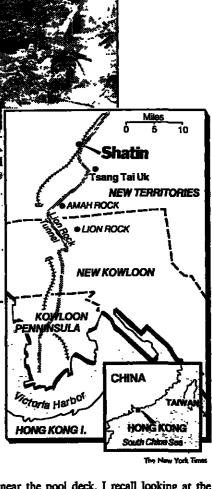


Near the train station.

encircle the fountain, which sits in a multistory atrium in the middle of a shopping mall. At 12:45 the music begins, occasionally Western symphonic, though more often classical Chinese, and the waters begin to dance. People run out of the many bakeries and dim sum parlors, out of the Yaohan department store, out of the boutiques, to watch the free half-hour water show.

The most recent manifestation of Shatin's explosive growth is the Hotel Riverside Plaza, not yet two years old. On its 17 floors are 830 rooms and suites, some facing the Shing Mun River, others the hills and temples of

It is a place from which to contemplate Shatin. One evening my wife and I took the train to Shatin, walked to the Riverside Pla-



near the pool deck. I recall looking at the hills, many of them now covered with lights, and wondering about 1997.

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Is '87 Wine Good or Bad? — Yes

by Frank J. Prial

THERE is a tale about a brash fellow who stopped J.P. Morgan as he left his club and asked, "Will the mar-ket go up or down?" To which J.P. is said to have replied, "Yes."

Talking about wine vintages before the wine is bottled is somewhat the same. There are a few facts: acid levels, sugar content, size of the crop, that sort of thing. And there is experience: In the past when the same conditions prevailed, the wine turned out

"All of this adds up to some good educated guesses, but no more. That brings us to 1987.

Among a winegrower's most valuable tools after the harvest are his selection of qualifying sentences and phrases. "Severe selection" was a key one this year. "Skill of the wine maker" was popular; so were "quality is irregular," "some very good wines" and "not too acidic." My favorite was "not uniformly spectacular."

The fact is that the growing season across mach of Europe got a late start; the summer was average at best in terms of sun, and the harvest time was often a period of drenching rains; fog and chilly weather. It was an unimpressive scenario for the production of outstanding wine.

However, in the perverse way of the wine market, 1987 was pretty much just what the doctor—or at least the banker—ordered. Stocks, thanks to a succession of large vintages and relentless price increases, were dangerously high, particularly in Bordeaux. The 1987 wines, assuming that there is no

Here, an immense pot may be bubbling over a wood fire as scarlet, indigo and saffron stems hang drying on the overhead lines. Isaac Vasquez, who is a master weaver and

dyer uses the formulas of his ancestors to

make natural dyes from plants. In the show-toom of his home, at 44 Avenida Juarez, he

has set up a display with an array of flowers,

mots and back next to samples of the yarns

colored with the dyes they produce. There is also a container filled with tiny gray cochi-

neal insects, which produce a bright scarlet dye when boiled. This insect, known to have

been cultivated for dyeing by the Zapotec ladians before the 13th century, created a

sensation in Spain when it was brought back by the conquistadors. Lately, cochineal in-

sects have become so scarce that they have to

be imported from Brazil. Although many

local weavers will tell you that they too use

natural dyes, most have resorted to packaged

HEN it comes to weaving, the few who are considered masters stick to the slow, time-honored methods,

never rushing to supply an increasing demand. The prices are higher, the quality impectable. When Vasquez, 52, began to

weave at the age of 12, there was one loom in

the house; today there are a dozen. His large microretation of a Mayan design, the "Birth of Twins," is a depiction of the creation story, surrounded by large jaguar motifs. It

and the products that are easier to prepare.

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rush to buy them, give the growers and the trade some breathing space: some time to 4 worthy of his label. work off inventories of vintages going back to 1979, which at one level or another —

grower, importer, retailer — remain unsold.

A large, high-quality 1987 vintage on the order of 1982 or '83 would have forced the sale of some previous vintage years at distress prices and virtually guaranteed the price and market collapse that so many insiders have been glumly predicting.

HE threat of a collapse is not entirely past; in the United States, the weak dollar keeps the prices of most quality French wines well beyond the reach of the middle-class consumers who have always constituted the backbone of the U.S. market for French wines.

There is some irony in the Bordeaux producers' characterizing the 1987s as better than the '80s and '84s. They were indignant when the press criticized those two vintages in the months after their respective harvests. If the '87 wines do prove better than those vintages, it will only be because of - here's that phrase again — severe selection.
Selection takes place at harvest time when,

theoretically at least, poor grapes are left on the vines. But, more important, it takes place at the time of the assemblage, which for most châteans, is in February.

Wine from different parts of the vineyard is fermented separately and then blended late in the winter after the harvest. A grower who has made 20 vats of wine and is seriously interested in top quality may reject 10 vats for his final blend. That's in a good year; in a year like 1987, he may have been lucky to

took him about a year to make, and costs

Mendoza home, at 2 Carranza, one is usually

occapied by Emiliano Mendoza, the patri-

arch; others by his brother, Tomas, his sister,

Abigail, or his son, Arnulfo. Standing at the looms from 6 A.M. to 5 P.M., with only a

lunch break, these skilled weavers often work

Zapotec diamond, arrowhead and key mo-

tifs. In contrast, his son, Arnulfo, who stud-

ied art in Paris, has developed more personal, surreal themes. One called the "Squirrel's

Dream" shows a giant armadillo with a

checkerboard shell. Another depicts local

trance-inducing mushrooms. A huge rug, woven by several family members, enlarges a

scene from the pre-Hispanic Codice Borgia: the story of the flight of the Morning Star as

the Sun God leaves the world to move up-

ward. The price of a Mendoza rug depends

on the amount of time and work involved.

Prices range from a 3-by-5-foot rug at \$60 to

large ones for more than \$1,000. His son Arnulfo's tapestries are also sold in a gallery at 203 Alcala in Oaxaca; these are priced at

Betty Freudenheim is a weaver and co-muthor of "Interlacing: The Elemental Fabric" (Kodansha/Harper & Row). She wrote this for

Mendoza's geometric designs incorporate

two to three months on a 9-by-12-foot rug.

Of seven massive wooden looms at the

about \$1,500.

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The New York Times.

Only the wealthiest growers - or those with the least debt - can afford this kind of

selectivity. As for the consumer, seeking out the decent wines in a year like 1987 becomes correspondingly difficult. Burgundy, too, was beset by rain and its concomitants: rot and unripe grapes. Production in some famous vineyards reportedly was off 50 percent from 1986. Little hope then, that 1987 will help to ameliorate the bight prices that good Rummidies have

high prices that good Burgundies have reached in recent years, particularly 1985 for reds and '86 for whites. For Americans, the antidote to high French prices has been California. The 1987 vintage in that state was one of high quality

but lower volume than in any year since 1983. But California's problem — with the exception of a handful of premium wineries has been finding customers, not wine.

There are still dozens of good inexpensive

wines coming from California, even if a short 1987 crop allows some big midlevel wineries

to work off inventory.

One pleasant bit of news: a good harvest in Oregon. That state's wine makers, even though their production is minuscule compared to California's, are getting closer and closer to producing world-class pinot noir. Each good season in the Willamette Valley brings them closer to offering true competition to the Burgundians.

Washington state also had a good year, a

Washington state also had a good year, a mixed blessing in that corner of the Northwest. Production in Washington has outstripped demand. In the more or less flat American market, the Washingtonians don't know what to do with all their wine. In 1987, they produced a record six million gallons, up from 4.5 million in 1986.

Back in Europe, the Champagne growers had a big crop in spite of the mediocre weather. It probably won't be a vintage year, something the growers decide more or less among themselves. But the volume will be welcomed; the demand for Champagne continues to rise around the world.

D EAUJOLAIS seems to have turned out extremely well. We heard that when the new wine arrived in November. And, for nouveau, the wine was good. But so much nonsense accompanies those wines that it is almost mandatory to wait for the mature Beaujolais in late January and

From every indication, the 1987 Beaujolais is not only the best in a number of years. but is perhaps even better than the lovely '85s, and may be the most successful wine out of France this year.

Alsace growers say they did better than they had hoped, which is rather equivocal praise. But at least one well-known producer, Jean Hugel, said the quality was as good as last year. In 1986, Alsace had a good to very good year.

Italy fared poorly in the north, and well to

very well in the south and in Sicily. Spain had a good year in the Rioja and an excellent year in the Panades. That should bring joy to the heart of lovers of Spanish sparkling wines, who must number in the millions, considering the enormous quantity of the wines produced in the Panades region every

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NYSE Mixed Ahead of Data

NEW YORK - Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed on a mixed note on Thursday. Trading was skittish and dominated by investors' reluctance to commit money to equities before the release of data on the No-

vember U.S. trade shortfall. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 3.82 points on Wednesday, lost another 8.62 points Thursday to close at 1,916.11. It traded within two or three points of the previous day's

closing for most of the day. Advances were almost even with declines among NYSE isssues traded. Volume slipped to about 140.23 million shares from 154.02 on

Wednesday. Prices were narrowly higher in light trading on the American Stock Exchange.

Traders and analysts said market partici-pants attention was focused on Friday's schedaled release of the U.S. trade deficit figures for

November. There was very little investor enthusiasm either to buy or to sell," said Lon Gorman,

senior trader at First Boston Corp. "It's like a holiday on Wall Street, with every body waiting for the trade numbers and unwilling to make sizable commitments prior to that time," said A.C. Moore, director of research at Argus Research Corp. "There are always participants in the market and things that have to be done, but in terms of aggressive capital commitment, nobody's willing to do that today."

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trade figure to show about a \$2 billion improvement over the October deficit, a record \$17.6

Jack Baker, head of the equity block trading desk at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc., said he thought the figure will prove to be "a surprise on the plus side" that could boost the market. but he said little is likely to happen before its

"Quite frankly, they've overdone the 'guessti-mates' for the trade number," he said. "Nobody's selling."

Mr. Moore said technical indications that the market was overextended last week have been substantially reversed. "Nervousness and caution have returned to

the market, which means there's cash on the sidelines," he said. "That could pave the way for an improvement over the next several sessions, providing there's no disappointment with the trade number." Centerior was the most active NYSE-listed

issue, off 1/2 to 16%. It was followed by Texaco, which slipped % to 36%. On Wednesday, Texaco said the Internal Revenue Service advised it of possible back-

tax liabilities totaling as much as \$6.5 billion. Digital Equipment was third on the actives list, off 3 to 1194. The computer maker reported second-quarter earnings late Wednesday that were at the low end of analysis' expecta-

Among other blue chips, AT&T closed un-

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By JULIA M. FLYNN New York Times Service

N EVALUATING the performance of various financial markets during the October stock collapse, the Presidential Task Force on Market Mechanisms singled out the options market for its sharpest criticism. In particular, it focused on activity in the options contract on the Standard & Poor's 100-share index charging that small investors were at a severe share index, charging that small investors were at a severe disadvantage last Oct. 19 and 20.

The description of what happened on those chaotic days is another reminder that when one market relies on another for its pricing data, it is vulnerable to delays and trading halts that investors might not have anticipated

The report was released last week by the panel headed by former U.S. Senator Nicholas Brady, head of the New York

investment banking firm of Dillon, Read & Co. The panel said that trading in the S&Pstad that tracing in the socr-100 contract was crippled by lengthy delays in opening pric-ing procedures at the Chicago Board Options Exchange. On Oct. 20, after an 80-minute trading halt, the contract traded for only 52 minutes alto-

The Brady panel found the options market vulnerable to delays and trading halts Oct. 19-20.

"All markets except options remained free for trading," the presidential commission said in its report. "Nonprofessional participants, who lack access to continuous market information, expect to have continuous opportunities to withdraw from investments in a timely way. Obviously on Oct. 19 and 20, these expectations were unfulfilled."

The report noted that "individual participants who wrote 'put' options, or options to sell, before Oct. 19 and 20 often found themselves wither locked into their resistance of the locked into their resistance.

themselves either locked into their positions or involuntarily iquidated during these two days."

At the time of the trading halts in the S&P-100 contract, officials of the options exchange said that a large number of the underlying securities of the S&P-100 index were not trading on the New York Stock Exchange, making it difficult to price

The panel's report buttresses findings of the National Securities Administrators Association that trading in options was the biggest source of complaints after the October collapse. Indeed. the association received more than three times as many complaints from individual investors about options trading as about

OST OF the complaints involved complex and risky investment strategies, such as "naked puts," or selling of options without owning the underlying securities. The association considers this practice unsuitable for small investors. Last month it called for a crackdown in abusive sales practices by brokers and for raising individuals' margin requirements to 50 percent from 10 percent.

Officials of the CBOE, the oldest and largest U.S. options exchange, defended the performance of its most popular contract during the chaotic days of mid-October. But exchange officials have begun girding themselves for the regulatory battle that is expected to come.

Alger B. Chapman, the exchange's chairman, said the CBOE was studying a wide range of changes in its operations and regulatory role in response to the October market collapse.

Although the CBOE initiated its own study of stock index

option prices on Oct. 20 and found them "understandable" in light of the market turmoil at that time, it recently adopted an accelerated opening procedure aimed at starting trading faster

"Some things need fixing," said Mr. Chapman."We ought to work on fixing them ourselves rather than relying on regulators and outside industry groups."

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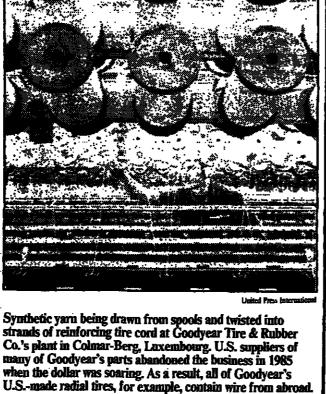
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Office machinery and automated data processing equipment including computers, typewriters and calculators	\$15.
Electrical machinery and parts Including semiconductors and integrated circuits	\$13.
Specialized industrial machinery Including coal-cutting, well-drilling and other industrial machinery	\$9.
Power-generating machinery Including car and plane engines and generators	\$9.
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Clothing and accessories	\$18.6
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U.S. Trade Dilemma: The Foreign Part

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Two deeply ingrained practices of American business have largely scaped notice in the debate on the U.S. trade deficit, but are likely to prevent the shortfall from narrowing much in the 1980s and perhaps beyond, numerous experts say.

One is the practice of manufacturing products in the United States with imported parts and materials, an approach that became widespread in this decade. Eighty-eight percent of American manufacturers now use foreign ingredients, the National Association of Purchasing Management found in a recent

The other is the common practice of American multinational corporations of filling foreign orders from their overseas factories rather than with goods from their U.S. plants. If these multinationals could somehow bring their foreign production back to the United States, the nation's exports would double, Commerce Department statistics indicate. The sums involved are huge: roughly \$11 billion a month in added imports and \$21

billion a month in lost exports.

They are a major reason why the trade deficit, which hit a monthly record of \$17.6 billion in October, is so hard to reduce, economists say. Many predict that the November deficit, to be announced Friday, will be be-tween \$14.5 billion and \$16 billion.

This is still very high, although the low value of the dollar against other major cur-rencies is indeed increasing exports sharply by making American goods purchased abroad less expensive. The rise in exports to an estimated \$250 billion in 1987, from \$214 billion in 1986 — is likely to help reduce the trade deficit. Still, imports are expected to total nearly \$400 billion, up from \$383 billion

Although the weaker dollar is allowing American companies to increase their domes tic production and to export more, many are also stepping up their imports of the parts and materials that go into this rising output. They are sticking with these imports even though they have become more costly in dollar terms. Similarly, they are sticking with

their foreign plants, although most are in Europe and have become less cost-competitive with American plants.

This reluctance to abandon global sourcing and production strategies will only give way if the dollar were to fall below 120 year from its current level of 127 yen and by a similar percentage against the Deutsche mark - and stay there into the 1990s, said Paul Krugman, an economist and trade expert at the Massachuseus Institute of Technology.

Stephen S. Roach, a senior economist at Morgan Stanley & Co., said the dollar would have to remain at 110 year or less.

Others basically agree, "We're going to see a shift, but it takes a long time to build up the expectation that the dollar will stay down," said Peter Hooper, an economist at the Fed-eral Reserve system.

For their part, many business executives maintain that even if the dollar were to remain weak for years — and they are not convinced that it will — they would not bring home significant portions of their produc-tion. They cite reasons for using foreign suppliers and for manufacturing abroad that have little to do with the dollar's value. Our production system may be much

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U.S. Retail Sales Edged Up 0.7% In December

WASHINGTON - U.S. retail sales rose 0.7 percent in December, an upturn that reflected strong auto sales but a weak performance among general merchandisers, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

A preliminary estimate showed \$126.7 billion in retail sales, up from \$125.8 billion in November, according to the department's Cen-

Economists had predicted an overall increase of about 1 percent. The 0.7 percent rise followed a scant 0.1 percent gain in November, revised from 0.2 percent; and drops of 0.9 percent in October and 1.7 percent in September.

Auto dealers' sales jumped 2.4 percent in December following a 0.7 percent decline in November. Excluding auto sales, retail sales in December advanced just 0.2 per-cent after a 0.3 percent rise the previous month.

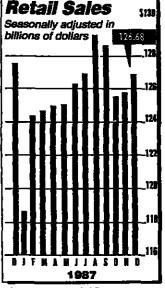
The retail figures are adjusted for seasonal variations, but not for inflation. The December gain was the steepest climb since August, when sales rose 1.5 percent amid incentives at automobile showrooms.

smallest annual gain since a 2.8 percent rise in the recession year of Economists had been watching gest that's not warranted."

retail sales, particularly Christmas sales, for any sign that the October stock crisis dampened consumer

separate report last week, said that of sales incentives by domestic car heavy discounting brought last- makers. minute shoppers into the stores after a slow start. But the government said Thurs-

day that sales at department stores fell 0.7 percent in December after being flat in November. Combined sales of department stores and gen-eral merchandise stores fell 0.4 percent in December from November, although they were 5 percent higher than in December 1986.



cent selling season this Christmas." He said that the comparison with a

year earlier suggested "a modest

gain in real volume."

But Michael K. Evans, president Despite the year-end surge, retail of a Washington-based forecasting sales for all of 1987 were up just 3.5 service, said that department store percent to \$1.51 trillion. It was the retailers were "whistling past the graveyard. They wanted to put an optimistic gloss on reports to keep up confidence, but the figures sug-

He attributed the generally soft sales to "ordinary economic factors," however, not the stock collapse. He said the increase in auto Major department stores, in a sales was triggered by the renewal

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The increase in sales from Nomber to December came primarily in durable goods, which posted a 1.7 percent advance. Auto sales led the way, followed by a 1.3 percent increase in sales of building materials, hardware, garden supplies and mobile homes.

Economists said a slowdown in retail sales might help the United States make headway in reducing Robert B. Ortner, the U.S. units big trade deficit, a major cause dersecretary of commerce, said re-tailers seemed to have "had a de-cial markets. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Britoil Dismisses Bid By BP as 'Derisory'

LONDON - Britoil PLC quickly rejected Thursday as "totally indequate" and "derisory" the £2.27 billion (\$4.13 billion) cash offer that British Petroleum Co. formally launched for the independent

Glasgow-based Britoil, which has reached a friendly agreement with Atlantic Richfield Co. of the United States to acquire a 49.9 per-cent stake in it, also said "a vigorous defense document is likely to be published within a week."

That document is likely to show that independent consultants value Britoil at 500 pence (\$9.12) a share,

a Britoil spokesman said. BP, which had already announced it would offer 450 pence a share for the 70.1 percent of Britoil it did not own, confirmed the cash offer Thursday in a document sent to Britoil shareholders. BP also said that it would offer

shareholders a lower alternative of cash and BP stock, which, at BP's share price Thursday, valued Britoil shares at 443 pence, or as total of £2.23 billion.

"The partial cash offer is worth even less than the original cash of-Britoil's chief executive, David Walker, said in a statement. BP's partial-share alternative consisted of one BP ordinary share plus 190 pence in cash for each

Britoil ordinary share. The alternative offer was not made available to U.S. or Canadian shareholders.

Oil analysts had speculated that, to ensure success, BP might raise its bid when it issued its offer docu-ment. After Britoil's shares surged on Wednesday, disappointment pushed them down 11 pence, to 454, on the London Stock Ex-change. They rose slightly later, while BP shares were down I pence,

BP said Thursday that it holds 29.8 percent of Britoil's 504 million shares outstanding. Los Angeles-based Arco, which

owns almost 23,59 percent of Britoil, has said that it wants to purchase up to 29.9 percent on the market and obtain the rest through a swap of Arco assets for new Bri-

Some analysts said that Arco may try to top BP's offer. Others have said that, no matter what hap pens, the U.S. company should turn a tidy profit.

BP snapped up thousands of shares in a so-called "dawn raid" on Dec. 8, buying 14.9 percent bethe London exchange, and has been buying steadily since. Arco followed with its own dawn raids and since Dec. 9 has acquired

Hong Kong Charges Li **Under Law on Bribery**

HONG KONG - Ronald Li, the former chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, was charged Thursday under the colony's Prevention of Bribery ordinance.

He was charged under Section 9 of the ordinance, which involves accepting, soliciting or offering illegal advantages in relation to one's principal business, a spokesman for the Independent Commission Against Corruption said. Mr. Li; the exchange's former

chief executive, Jeffrey Sun; and the former head of the exchange's stock listing department, Donald Tsang, were arrested Jan. 2 "in connection with enquiries" by the commission. They were released on bail of \$1.28 million for Mr. Li. \$510,000 for Mr. Sun and \$3,800 for Mr. Tsang, though no charges were filed then.

Mr. Li remained free on bail percent Thursday, pending a court appearance Friday. The charge against eigh brokers, who complained that him carries a maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment and a the exchange although they ac-500,000 Hong Kong dollar (about counted for most of its trading.

564,000) fine, the spokesman said.

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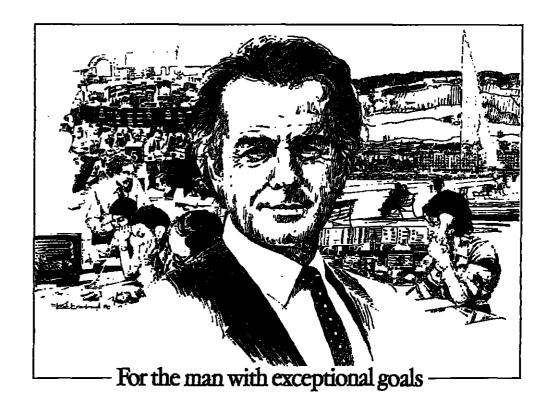
The investigations into the activities of Mr. Sun and Mr. Tsang are continuing, the spokesman said.

Mr. Li retired as chairman of the exchange on Dec. 16 after serving the maximum two terms. He was a deputy chairman at the time of his arrest, but was suspended from that position.

Mr. Li is the Hong Kong exchange's best known and most controversial figure. He guided the merger of four rival bourses into a unified market in 1986, but also made the decision to close the exchange for four days when stock prices around the world fell in Oc-

Many brokers said that move worsened the impact on shares once trading resumed Oct. 26. That day the market's main indicator, the Hang Seng index, plunged 33

Mr. Li also was criticized by for-



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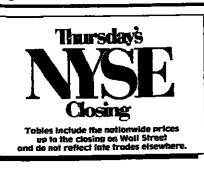
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Sales of U.S. Cars Rose In First Part of January

By Philip E. Ross
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DETROIT — Sales of new American-made DETROIT — Sales of new American-made cars and light trucks climbed 21.8 percent early this month from the sales in the comparable period a year earlier, the eight domestic manu-

period a year earlier, the eight domastic interactions have reported.

Car sales, reported Wednesday, ran at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.9 million. That was better than the unusually weak 5.1 million rate of a year before but well below the 7.4 million rate that had prevailed in the three most recent selling periods. Analysts attributed the low sales rate to inclement weather around the

nation.

"I guess we were just snowed out," said Thomas F. O'Grady, an auto analyst with Integrated Automotive Resources, a research firm in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He added that the even lower sales of early January 1987 were a least in the abusing space in December 1986.

even lower sales of early January 1987 were a reaction to a buying spree in December 1986, when customers hurried to take advantage of the deductibility of sales tax costs before the new tax law took effect.

Domestic passenger vehicle sales averaged 24,252 a day in the Jan. 1-10 period, in which there were seven selling days, compared with 19,907 a day in the period a year ago, when there were eight selling days. Car sales rose 17.1 percent, to 15,768 a day, and light trucks, which often substitute for cars, rose 31.6 percent, to 8,478 a day.

8.478 a day. Ford Motor Co. accounted for 31.9 percent of all sales of domestic cars and light trucks.

of all sales of domestic cars and light trucks. This is consistent with its performance in recent months but 6.4 percentage points better than its share in early January 1987.

General Motors Corp. had 50.4 percent of the domestic market, down 2.5 points from a year

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Lead, Zinc Output Rose In West, Group Reports

LONDON — The West's output of lead from mines and refineries rose slightly in the first 11 months of 1987, while a more substantial inrease was reported for zinc, the International Lead and Zinc Study Group said Thursday.

Lead-mine output rose 0.7 percent, to 2.206 million metric tons, with higher production in Canada and Australia offset by declines in Europe and the United States.

Refined lead output rose 1.9 percent, to 3.798 million tone mith element increases in Australia.

million tons, with strong increases in Australia and the United States.

The consumption of refined lead fell 0.9 per-cent, to 3.725 million tons, with most of the reduction in Europe and Japan. Zinc-mine output rose by 5.6 percent in the 11 months, to 4.898 million tous, because of increases in Canada and Australia, while pro-

duction of the refined metal gained 3.8 percent, to 4.597 million tons, as output rose in Europe,

Canada, the United States and Korea. Consumption rose by 1.4 percent, to 4.591 million tons, as buying remained firm in Europe and the United States.

Foreigners Invest in Portugal

LISBON - Foreign investors, attracted by Portugal's healthy economic growth and new-found political stability, almost tripled their investments in the country in 1987, officials said Thursday.

The Foreign Investment Institute said that new investments totaled 61.7 billion escudos (462.7 million) last year compared with 24.5 billion escudos in 1986.

Most of investment was in banking and tourism, with leading investors Britain, Spain and the United States.

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U.K. Jobless Rate Falls to 9.4% LONDON - The number of memployed

Briton fell by more than 35,000 last month to 2.6 million, its lowest level since 1982, the goverument said Thursday. That represents 9.4 percent of Britain's work force. The rate was 9.5 percent in November and 11.2 percent in December 1986. Employment Secretary Norman Fowler said it was the 18th successive monthly drop in unemploy-

The government also said that average earnings increased by 8.25 percent in the 12 months

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Mitsubishi to Purchase More Foreign Parts

TOKYO — Mitsubishi Motors
Corp. said Thursday that it will
take advantage of the strong yen by
increasing purchases of foreign
auto parts by 9.6 percent to 25
billion yen (\$190 million) in the
year ending March 31, from 22.80
billion yen in 1986-87.
Capital spending will rise 17.4

Capital spending will rise 17.4 percent to 74 billion yen in the current year from 63 billion yen in 1986-87, a spokesman said.

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loans to Third World countries, charge in the fourth quarter for Latin America, was \$1.8 billion at bringing its 1987 loss to \$610 mil- loan losses to developing countries, The holding company for ContiThe holding company for ContiS95 million. Several other banks made similar announcements carli-

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\$229.6 million, or \$3.83 a share, from \$102.4 million in the yearearlier period. But for 1987, Chemi-tal posted a loss of \$853.7 million. pared with a profit of \$402.4 compared with a million in 1986.

The loss was attributed to a decision to add \$1.1 billion to loan-loss reserves to cover Third World debt. exposure to less developed coun-Many large banks took similar actual was reduced during the quar-

quarterly profit, including a lower

The year's figures included results from Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc., which since its merger May 1 with Chemical has incurred

Bank of New York said fourth-quarter net income totaled \$45.9 million, or \$1.24 a share, up 19 percent from earnings of \$38.4 million in the year-earlier period. For 1987, it netted \$103.4 million, or \$2.81 a share, compared with a profit of \$155.2 million in 1986.

The improved quarterly results were attributed to growth in net interest income.

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developing countries, mostly in year's end. The new loan-loss addition brings the amount of Third World loans covered by reserves to about 50 percent

Continental's chairman, Thomas . Theobald, said Wednesday's decision "was made in light of the continuing uncertainty" surrounding certain debtor nations. He pamed no countries.

in the second quarter, Continen-

tal added \$510.1 million to its re-

He said the banking company's "relatively strong capital position permits us to take this action" and that the larger reserves would give the company greater flexibility.

In 1986, Continental earned \$16.0 million, or 9 cents a share, in the fourth quarter and \$165.2 million, or 60 cents a share, for the With Wednesday's action, First

Interstate's loan-loss reserves for developing countries now total \$591 million, or 53 percent of loans to those countries. The percentage In the second quarter of last ear, the bank added \$750 million

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year, the bank added \$750 million to its loan-loss reserve, of which \$500 million was carmarked for debt to developing countries.

It estimated that its after-tax operating income for the fourth quarter would total \$85 million before the \$180 million provision. The bank had assets of \$50.47 billion as of Sept. 30.

Analysts said these large reserves give banks the flexibility to dispose Digital's larger VAX minicomputof their Third World debt at significant discounts. For example, secondary market makers are now pricing Mexican debt at about 51 compete more effectively with Incents on the dollar. (AP, Reuters) ternational Business Machines

Grand Met Could

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Grand Metropolitan PLC of Britain could reap a profit of around £25 million (\$45 million) on its stake in Martell & Compagnie if it accepted the Martell takeover offer by Sea-

gram Co. of Canada, a Grand Met spokesman said Thursday. But he said Grand Met had not decided whether to raise its own offer for Martell after the Paris Stockbrokers Association cleared both bids on Thursday.

Seagram, whose initial agree

ment with the Martells for their

41 percent stake was ruled inva-

lid, has made a formal bid of 2,975 francs (\$540). Grand Met's bid is for 2,825 francs. while it bought its 19.9 percent stake at an average 2,115 francs. Official trading in Martell shares will resume Monday. The shares were suspended at 2,390

francs on Dec. 15.(AP, Reuters)

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

CUPERTINO, California

Apple Computer Inc. is expected to

announce Friday that it will enter

into a joint development agreement

The agreement will call for de-

veloping products that will allow Macintosh computers to connect to

ers, according to people in the com-

puter industry. Such an agreement

would enable the companies to

with Digital Equipment Corp.

Pearson, Asahi Reportedly Weigh Printing FT in Tokyo

Corp., which has a product line computers to connect with elec-

TOKYO - Pearson PLC is publisher of Asahi Shimbun to print the Financial Times in Tokyo,

a source at the big Japanese news-paper said Thursday.
"We haven't reached an agreement yet," said the source at Asahi Shimbun Publishing Co., who asked not to be identified. "We will try to start printing in the near

Other sources said Pearson, a British-based conglomerate, want-ed Tokyo printing of the Financial Times to start early in 1989.

The FT's Japanese circulation is around 1,200 copies a day. The newspaper, which is printed in London and Frankfurt, is delayed 48 hours in reaching readers in Ja-

The rival Asian Wall Street Jourthe Japanese economic daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun, has Japanese circulation of 6,000 copies a day. The International Herald Tribune, which began printing in Ja-

that covers the full range from

desktop computers to room-sized

Meanwhile, company officials announced Wednesday that Apple

is revamping its line of laser print-

ers as part of its efforts to penetrate

The two developments are ex-

pected to be highlights of Mac-World Expo, an exhibition of Ap-

ple's Macintosh computer products

that began Thursday in San Fran-

With the Digital agreement, Ap-

ple would seem to be making a

formal move in a direction in which

it has been heading for a couple of years. Apple officials have said that

they were working to connect Ap-

ole machines with computers from

both Digital and IBM. Until now,

however, most of the products that

connect Apple and Digital ma-

chines have come from indepen-

Computer users increasingly

want to connect personal computers with larger machines. The larger

machines can store huge amounts

of data while the smaller computers

allow users to retrieve the data and

Spokesmen at Apple and Digital

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pan in November in association with Mainichi Shimbun, hopes to seeking an arrangement with the lift its Japanese circulation to between 3,000 and 6,000 copies a day. Asahi and Pearson are also dis-

cussing the printing of an English-language version of Asahi Shimbun in Europe and the publication of Financial Times articles in Asahi Shimbun, sources said.

At the same time. Pearson is trying to expand its newspaper activities by acquisitions in France, Australia and New Zealand.

Pearson said Tuesday that it intended to buy the French media group Les Echos SA for £88 million (\$160 million). But the French government expressed reservations Wednesday, citing Rupert Mur-doch's 19.8 percent stake in Pear-

It was also disclosed in Sydney on Wednesday that Pearson wantnal, which is printed in Tokyo by ed to buy half of the Australian Financial Review, one of two national dailies in Australia that is already planning to publish a weekly Asian edition, and New Zealand's National Business Review.

tronic musical instruments, such as

sure Atari Corp., which has a simi-lar interface built into its ST com-

puters and is making a strong

attempt to sell to musicians. Atari

has even started selling computers

As for the printers, Apple's new

family of three Laserwriter II mod-

els will replace the existing line and

include a machine that is much less

The Laserwriter printer, intro-

duced in 1985, established the com-

pany's dominance in the market for

desktop publishing. But other com-panies, notably Hewlett-Packard

Co., have proved that there is a

market for printers that are much

lower priced than the Apple mod-

els, which start at \$4,500. Apple has

been seeing increasing competition

from the less-expensive models,

some of which are priced under

One model of the new Apple

family, the Laserwriter II-SC, will

be priced at \$2,800. But it will not

use the Postscript software that al-

lows the current Laserwriter to

print a large variety of styles of

expensive than existing models.

Apple's move is likely to pres-

keyboards and synthesizers

through music stores.

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NEW YORK — Chemical New loan-loss provision, higher net in-York Corp., one of the largest bank terest income of \$468.2 million and bolding companies in the United one-time pre-tax gains of \$152 mil-States, said Thursday that its lion. fourth-quarter net profit rose sharply, but that it had a loss for 1987 because of an increase in its loan-loss provision.

Bank of New York Co., another a loss of \$122 million. large bank holding concern, reported record last-quarter earnings and sharply higher profit for the year. Chemical said net income for the three months ended Dec. 31 rose to

Chemical said many factors were of medium-term loans, bringing its responsible for its huge rise in annual total to \$58.2 million.

GM Debt Is Downgraded

NEW YORK - Moody's Investors Service Inc. said Thursday that it had downgraded the ratings on \$54 billion of debt of General Motors Corp. and its credit subsidiary, General Motors Acceptance Corp. The rating agency cut senior otes, debentures and Eurodebt of

M and GMAC to Aa3 from Aa1: They remain in the "high-quality" grade. GMAC's grantor trusts, or asset-backed debt securities, were similarly downgraded.

medium grade, from Aa2:

35.3 percent of the U.S. vehicle market; down from 38.8 percent in

Moody's said it expected that programs to address problems with products and costs would enhance GM's business position and lead to improved productivity.

Still, it said, GM's programs may be insufficient to offset weakening demand and such deteriorating fundamentals as mounting competition from Japanese automakers.

Moody's cut GMAC's subordi- Despite its difficulties, GM renated debt to Al, considered upper mains a formidable competitor, the nedium grade, from A22 rating agency noted, with large Moody's said the downgrades of market shares at the more profitreflected the probability that the able ends of the car and light truck antomaker would be imable to re- segments of the car industry. cover its former dominance of the Moody's also noted that GM had a market In 1987, GM captured just strong distribution network.

A Rush on Générale Shares

BRUSSELS - A record number of shares traded Thursday in Belgium's biggest company, Société Générale de Belgique, leaving the Brussels Bourse perplexed over who the mystery buyer might be.

Altogether, 224,000 of the shares changed hands, well over the previous record of 154,000 set June 24. They closed at 301.5 Belgian francs (\$9,024) a share, up from Wednesday's close of 283 francs. Société Générale had no comment, except that only about 30 percent of its shareholders are known to the company. Market sources suspected the same raider who bought stock heavily last summer rousing concern that a hostile bid might be made.

Brokerage analysts said that off-Bourse trading in the stock also was exceptionally high, with estimates ranging from 150,000 to 250,000 shares. Thursday's volume on and off the Bourse represented more than 1 percent of the group's total of 28 million shares.

Belgian law puts no limit on holdings beyond which a shareholder must declare his identity and the size of his stake. A raider could thus build a significant holding without being known to the company. Speculation about the identity of the possible raider varies widely

buying was not followed by a takeover attempt.

but many analysts mention French companies. Last summer's bout of

nounced Friday.

Also on Thursday, Apple was to

type in any size and at any angle. would not comment on the reports that an alliance would be an-Moreover, it will be able to connect

to only one computer. The new model NT, which will introduce a product, known as a sell for \$4,600, is more comparable MIDI interface, that will allow the to the existing Laserwriter Plus, Macintosh and the Apple II-GS which now sells for \$5,300.

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IMPORTS: U.S. Companies Boost Exports — Made With Foreign Parts

and materials than many people realize," said Jerry Jasinowski, chief economist at the National As-

sociation of Manufacturers. Pointing to the advantages of maintaining foreign subsidiaries. he added: "There is no question that you can market better m a .country or region when your fac-tory is located there — when you meet competitors on their own

: Commerce Department figures for 1985, the latest year available, show that American-owned mannfacturing operations abroad sold \$294 billion worth of products.

Of that amount, \$182 billion worth was sold in the countries in which the units were located. They exported \$112 billion to other countries, including \$37 billion to the United States.

The weak dollar has probably reduced this total of \$294 billion since 1985. As American exports grow, sales from the multinationals' foreign subsidiaries are probably dropping, but slowly, said Robert Lipsey, an economist at the National Bureau of Economic Re-

mated U.S. exports in 1987.

breaks out only some of the amounts spent by American companies to import materials and parts for products manufactured in this country. Imports of metals,

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Other components are mixed in better quality than the Midwest ith Commerce Department data U.S. variety, the company says. In

Delta Faucet Co. is still importing 247 parts for kitchen and bathroom faucets.

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In all, then, about \$134 billion went for imported materials and parts in 1987, or roughly one-third of total imports. When petroleum imports, another category considered relatively immune to changes The amount might have fallen to in the dollar's value, are added, the "\$250 billion or \$260 billion, a figure share of imported goods that do that would be roughly equal to estimate the share of imported goods that do that would be roughly equal to estimate the share of imported goods that do that would be roughly equal to estimate the share of imported goods that do the share of in the dollar's value, are added, the in the dollar rises to 43 percent of

With the dollar so low, it tried to switch to domestic suppliers, but manufacturing had dried up: It found U.S. substitutes for only three of the components.

sumer products and capital goods much lower went for parts, Mr. Jasinowski esti-

The Commerce Department everything the nation buys abroad. reaks out only some of the Examples abound of companies

A dearth of adequate domestic suppliers is the reason why Delta Faucet Co. of Indianapolis, a divibathroom fancets. These represent

the United States contain steel wire from Belgium and Japan. Completely different reasons explain why many American multi-

national companies, including Goodyear, are reluctant to switch to their American plants to supply their foreign customers. For example, Goodyear uses its plant near Heidelberg, West Germany, to sup-ply Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart because the tire maker believes it must be geographically close to a big customer.

Without a German plant and the numerous close contacts that such a plant generates with overseas clients, Goodyear might not be able to sell many tires in Germany, said Stanley J. Mihelick, a Goodyear vice president. In addition, the cost of walking away from the German spent on foreign-made conping rates, paid in dollars, are so plant — in severance payments,
er products and capital goods much lower than American railpension obligations and other outlays — is prohibitive, regardless of the dollar's value, he said.

Other American executives hold

similar views. "This country is primarily comsion of Masco Corp., is still import-ing 247 parts for its kitchen and mitted to a multinational strategy, and the Japanese were committed only a small percentage of the to a mercantile strategy of export-14,000 parts that go into Delta ing from a home base," said Steproducts. With the dollar so low, phen R. Hardis, vice chairman of Delta has been trying to switch to Ealon Corp., a Cleveland-based phen R. Hardis, vice chairman of American suppliers, but it has found domestic substitutes for only three of the 250 imported parts it had been using.

They are multinational concern. "They are now moving toward a multinational strategy, given the strong year. You would think that we would that see no good reason yet to change.

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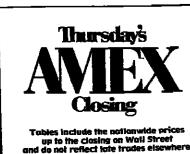
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> **Copper Price Drops** \$195 a Ton in London

LONDON — A sudden drop of nearly \$200 a ton in the copper price may signal the end of a boom that took it to historic highs early this month, traders said Thursday.

They said a wave of nervous selling today three-month copper futures on the London Metal Exchange down to \$2,250 a ton, a loss of \$195 from Wednesday afternoon.

The drop coincided with a forecast by Shear-

son Lehman Brothers that prices for copper and other base metals, some of which ended 1987 much higher than previously forecast, will fall significantly because the world economy is to show a further modest improvement, al-

On Jan. 4, three-month copper reached \$2,845, its highest price for eight years. This reflected expectations that good demand through the early part of 1988 would continue to drain already low world stock levels.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Slips as Trade Report Nears

NEW YORK — The dollar slipped Thursday in New York as traders became increasingly nervous about the release Finday of U.S. trade figures for November.

Analysts also cited disappointment about West Germany's failpre to reduce interest rates or take other stimulatory measures following a report Wednesday that the astion's economic growth slowed

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The dollar closed in New York at 1.6295 Deutsche marks, down from 1,6385 DM on Wechesday, It fell to-126.05 year from 127.25, to 5.5075 French francs from 5.5275 and to 1.3295 Swiss francs from

The British pound firmed to \$1.8285 from \$1.8270.

The dollar's retreat came despite a U.S. Japanese pledge to strengthen cooperation in seeking exchange-rate stability and in disng speculation. President Ronald Reagan and Minister No-

id it reinforced existing efforts by

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Washington's aim appeared to

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The United States can call on SDR.

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day to ensure that "resources" for stabilizing rates were adequate. Earlier in Europe, the dollar rose slightly while traders marked time shead of the trade report.

The currency closed in London at 1.6375 DM, up from 1.6330 DM at Wednesday's close, and at 126.70 yen, up marginally from

In October, the U.S. trade deficit reached a record \$17.6 billion. Analysts said that the market was extremely nervous about the Novem-

for foreign exchange at National Westminster Bank U.S.A. in New York, said: "The fears are more on born Takeshita pledged Wednes- the up side now. While most people

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were thinking that it would be in the \$12 billion to \$16 billion range, the belief now is that it will be around \$15 billion to \$20 billion.

Garrett Glass, vice president for foreign exchange at First National Bank of Chicago, said: "There are always wild rumors. I think \$20

billion is way too high.
"Anything above \$16 billion will be trouble for the dollar," he added. Twenty billion will be too much for the central banks to offset. If it's \$13 billion or better, a lot of people will be buying dollars."

In earlier European trading, the dollar was fixed higher in Frankfurt, at 1.6374 DM after 1.6269 on Wednesday, and in Paris, at 5.5320 French francs after 5.4920. ■ M-1 Rises \$4 Billion

The Fed said Thursday that M-1, the basic measure of the U.S. money supply, increased \$4 billion to a easonally adjusted \$756 billion in the week ended Jan. 4, Reuters reported from New York.

The United States traded special

and used them to acquire Swiss francs through a roundabout route,

during the dollar rescue operation mounted in November 1978.

At that time, the United States

also issued the so-called "Carter

bonds," denominated in yen, marks,

and Swiss francs, to raise foreign

currencies to support the dollar.

That is what many private econo-

Administration officials, howev-

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mists would like to see repeated.

The previous week's M-1 level was revised downward, to \$752 bil-

Bonn Sticks to '88 Growth Target

By Ferdinand Protzman International Herald Tribiate

came to a virtual standstill in the growth path that the German econfinal quarter of 1987, officials said Thursday that Chancellor Helmut Kohl's conservative coalition is still aiming for expansion of between

Onno Ruding, the Dutch fi-nance minister, said Thursday 1.5 and 2 percent in 1988. that the Group of Seven nations Bangemann reiterated the governhad failed to honor their regional and local government offipledges to steady currencies. He urged policy changes, including a rise in U.S. interest rates. cials. He said that expansion would again be powered by domestic de-"To put it mildly, not every-body in the world is terribly mand, which has replaced export sales as the driving force in West

impressed by what these coun-tries have achieved in the ex-German economic growth.

The Deutsche mark's strength change markets since Septem against the dollar has eroded the nation's traditionally strong exsaid Mr. Ruding, the chairman of the International ports, which account for about one-Monetary Fund's policy-makthird of gross national product, and ng Interim Committee. has held down the price of imports. They did not deliver be Higher domestic demand is "ex-

cause of insufficient changes in pected from us internationally," Mr. Bangemann said. domestic policy," he said. But neither he nor Finance Min-With no prospect of deeper cuts in the U.S. budget, he said, ister Gerhard Stoltenberg gave any Washington should be willing indication that dogged criticism to raise interest rates to reduce from the United States and other international imbalances. major trading partners had prompted the government to con-

ASSESS: Offer to Swap SDRs Is Seen as Halfhearted Way to Aid Dollar Their remarks follow a report (Continued from Page 1) swap agreements with other central see an end to the U.S. currency's banks to borrow foreign currencies decline, warmly welcomed the idea in exchange for dollars.

The United States traded special serious about defending the dollar, a new issue of Carter-type bonds and used them to acquire Swiss would make excellent economic Wednesday that West Germany's GNP, measuring the total value of would make excellent economic goods and services produced, grew sense, the official said. The govern-

sider fresh initiatives to spur

ment could borrow at much lower or not at all in the fourth quarter. The United States and some West European nations have repeatedly called on Bonn to stimulate its economy. This would aid efforts to trim the huge U.S. trade deficit, lower West Germany's rethe official said, was "a bit of a cord trade surpluses and reinforce

European economic expansion. Mr. Bangemann's 1988 growth Drew, who said that "it may be a forecast is more optimistic than predictions by many of the nation's leading economists and private economic institutes, whose estimates range from no growth to a 1 percent expansion.

Most private forecasts have been sire, particularly in an election rates," Mr. Johns said But he sugrevised downward since the Octoto imitate a move by Presi- gested that the market would not ber stock market collapse and the dent Carter that was interpreted as really be convinced until the special dollar's subsequent decline on fordrawings rights were actually con-

BONN - Despite evidence that in the financial markets, there was West German economic growth no "notable deviation" from the

omy has followed so far. He added that the economy would benefit from net tax cuts of 14 billion DM (\$8.54 billion) that take effect this month; low interest Economics Minister Martin rates, and the government's 21 billion DM investment incentive proment's 1988 target in a speech to gram for municipalities and medi-

um-size and small business. Mr. Stoltenberg, meanwhile, in a preliminary review of the nation's lion DM originally targeted.

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center in Jeffersonville, Indiana. There, information from about similar amount for imports is coded and entered manually into a comto computers at Suitland where they are sorted according to type of product, quantity, value and country of origin or destination.

costs the U.S. government \$1.5 million a month.

maintain security, the trade puzzle is not pieced together until the day

cluding the U.S. president and the chairman of his Council of Economic Advisers, have any prior knowledge of the trade results.

Keeping track of the paper has also created problems. Because of

But Mr. Bangemann said figures 1987 budget results, said that the showed that, despite the turbulence budget deficit amounted to 27.5 billion DM, or 5.2 billion DM more than had been planned.

> Government expenditures amounted to 269.1 billion DM. barely higher than the government's target of 268.5 billion and 2.9 percent higher than in 1986.

billion DM, Mr. Stoltenberg said. Income from privatization was 2.4 billion DM, well below the 3.3 bilInflation in France Was 3.1% Last Year

Agence France Presse

PARIS — French consumer prices rose 3.1 percent in 1987 against 2.1 percent in 1986, according to provisional govern-

ment figures released Thursday.

The increase was only 0.1 percent in December, the eighth consecutive month in which prices rose 0.2 percent or less. Excluding energy prices, con-sumer inflation in 1987 was the lowest in 15 years.

$f \Gamma RADE$: Monthly Figures Are a U.S. Numbers Game

United States collect documents on shipments entering or leaving the country and forward

700,000 export documents and a puter. The raw data are then transmitted over secured telephone lines

The procedure is labor intensive and costly. It takes a staff of about 350 to tabulate the trade report and

It is also time-consuming. It takes about 45 days before Census officials have a final report. To

before its release. Fewer than a dozen people, in-

late reporting - importers have 10 working days to file customs documents - some shipments are never recorded in their proper months. Instead, every month's figures con-"carryovers," generally im-

United States months before.

The volume of carryovers be-came a big concern in late 1985 and early 1986. At the time, almost 50 percent of the imports recorded in any one month actually occurred one to three months before.
This is the primary reason Cen-

sus officials decided to give customs workers more time to gather documents, thus delaying the re-lease of the monthly data by 10 days. Mr. Adams says carryovers now average about 3 percent a month. But this can still throw the monthly deficit off by a \$1 billion

Sometimes, however, documents are never collected. The problem is chronic when it comes to exports. Last June, in a tacit acknowledg-

ent that reporting procedures had flaws, analysts at the Census Bureau began using import figures prepared by Canadian customs to come up with a more realistic value for U.S. exports heading north. "Trucks were just driving across

the border without filing any pa-pers," Mr. Adams said. "We were missing about one in live ship-ments." As a result, last year's trade deficit was revised downward by \$10 billion, to \$156.2 billion.

The methods used to measure imports are another concern. Unlike many other nations, the United States does not seasonally adjust monthly trade figures. This procedure allows a nation

to average seasonal imports, such ports that actually entered the sudden jumps in any one month

that may confuse statistical trends. Last month, for example, the Census Bureau reported that the United States imported 233 million barrels of oil in October, valued at \$4.3 billion. The monthly average in January through September was \$3.7 billion

The problem with carryovers forced the Census Bureau to abandon the adjustment process in January 1986. Mr. Adams says there are tentative plans to resume seasonal adjustments next January. The other big complaint about

the way the Census Bureau calculates imports can only be addressed by an act of Congress. In the Trade Act of 1979, Congress required Census analysts to value imports on a CIF - cost insurance and freight — basis.

This legislation was designed to

dramatize the growing U.S. trade problem by adding the dollar amount of freight and insurance to the value of imports. By law, this is the first import figure published and, not surprisingly, the most widely reported. This statistical procedure adds

about 4.5 percent to the dollar value of imports each month, thus tending to exaggerate the deficit ed in the same fashion. Even Congress has had second

thoughts. Contained in the current trade bill being debated in Congress is a provision to eliminate the as oil, over a longer period to avoid requirement, but the timetable for passage is uncertain.

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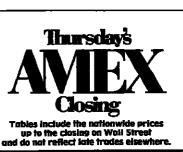
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THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCI-ETY: 100 Years of Adventure and Discovery.
By C.D.B. Bryan. Harry N. Abrams Inc., 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011. In 1984, when President Reagan arrived to

dedicate the National Geographic Society's newly completed headquarters in Washington, he apparently looked around the vast new building and then said to his hosts, "I guess you have trouble storing your old National Geographics too." Geographics, 100." Well, the collectors who inspired the president's crack can now throw away those piles in

the cellar, attic and garage. At least the ones who've been keeping back issues as souvenirs can do so. For C.D.B. Bryan's "National Geographic Society: 100 Years of Adventures and Discovery" captures the essence of the magazine with the familiar yellow-and-white cover.

The elephants and frogs are here. The steam-The elephants and frogs are here. The steaming tropical jungles and the snowy mountain peaks. The colorfully dressed natives are here. And the bare-breasted women. The San Francisco earthquake is here. So are floods, blizzards, famines, droughts, hurricanes, pestilence, avalanches and volcanic eruptions. So are the signt Olmer heads and the ant's head

are the giant Ohnec heads and the ant's head blown up to the size of a human's. Browsers can catch the essence of the book by just looking at the pictures and reading their

Of course, you have to read Bryan's text to appreciate fully the remarkable history of the society, which began in 1888 as a meeting of 33 gentlemen intent upon "organizing a society for the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge," and has grown in the intervening century to a membership of over 10 million.

In this text, Bryan — the author of three

novels and two previous works of nonfiction, "The National Air and Space Museum" and "Friendly Fire," about the Vietnam War experience — has struggled nobly to pull together and render coherent a bewildering variety of material: the history of the society, biograp of its leading personnel and a survey of all the magazine has covered over a century, to mention only the most obvious.

(Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, NYT) MONGOOSE, R.LP. By William F. Buckley Jr. Random House, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022. William F. Buckley Jr. has dropped a lot of

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names since he introduced the gallant CIA agent Blackford Oakes into the Queen of England's bedroom in his first spy novel, "Saving the Queen." But the author surpasses himself in the eighth of the series, "Mongoose, R.I.P."

It's an international Who's Who, 1963 edition, featuring John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro and Nikita S. Khrushchev, along with their asso-ciates, friends and lovers. With the help of italics. Buckley takes us smack into Kennedy's. stream-of-consciousness, which in barely four pages summons up the following acquaint-pages: Acheson, Schlesinger and Rusk, U. Thant, Churchill and Macmillan, Mac Bundy, John Bailey, Dick or Rich Goodwin and Bobles, Clark Colle, Ion DiMension and Bobles, Clark Colle, Ion DiMension and Robles. by: Clark Gable, Joe DilMaggio and Carole Lombard; Larry Spivak, James Reston, David Lawrence, Arthur Krock, Bill Manchester and Tad Szulc, Hoover, Tricky Dick and Mickey

Blackford Oakes, "his faded blond hair framing a sensitive and expressive face, is a boy's hero among men. In his latest foray in freedom's behalf, the clean-shaven Yalie of old American stock goes so far as to disguise himself self as a Hasid. We rejoin Blackford not long after he has been freed from a Cuban prison, where he was under a sentence of execution for where he was inner a schicate or execution for annoying Castro. Called on once again to deal with the communist menace off the coast of Florida, he finds himself involved in assassing. tion plots — against the Cuban leader, the U.S. president and himself. To complicate matters, Blackford also has to deal with a Soviet missile left behind in Cuba to threaten the United States after the weapons had all supposedly been removed at the resolution of the 1962

Unlike most spy thrillers Mongoode, R.I.P." gains from Blackford's lack of success. Little goes right for our hero this time out— which opens up vast possibilities for the series. (Walter Goodman, NYT)

ROMANTIC COMEDY IN HOLLYWOOD FROM LUBITSCH TO STURGES B.
James Havey, Alfred A. Knopf, 261 East 500k. Street, New York, N. Y. 19022.

When he talks about "romantic comedy," James Harvey tells us that what he has in mind is "screwball comedy"—a less appealing term; coined by a movie publicity agent in the 1930s, and a narrower one, too Luckily, however. Harvey allows himself plenty of intimde: There is no need to fret over definitions and there is no problem recognizing his chosen terrain.

"Romantic Comedy" is a book about "The Awful Truth," "My Man Godfrey," The Lady Eve"; about William Powell and Myrna Lipyand Carole Lombard and Cary Grant; about the stream of sophisticated entertainments, games of love and chance, that came out of Hollywood in the 1930s and '40s.

Harvey, who teaches English at the State University at Stony Brook, New York, must-have exposed himself to more footage of romantic comedy than anyone else who has ever mantic comedy than anyone use as well as a lived. And he is a perceptive writer as well as a thorough one: His analyses of movies, performance are thoughtful. mances and screen personae are thoughtfall and usually illuminating. (John Gross, NYI)

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

over the age of 55. It has therefore sanctioned events and even tournaments for these own age group to the hurlyburly engendered by the rising a least-evil three no-trump stars of the younger generation. This prompted the Greater New York Bridge Association to name, for the first time, a Senior Player of the Year.

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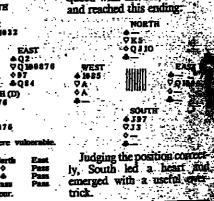
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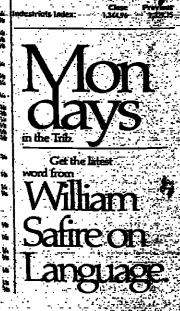
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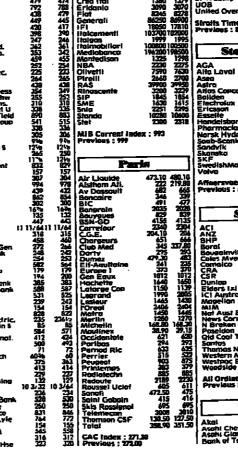
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Graf in Top Form; Edberg, Wilander Gain

nsi-white volence upping a series of decisor day night into a ball ting broke out bearing in summensacia as Steffi Graf, top-ranked among the was runner-up to John McEnroe in world's women players, dazzled ten the 1983 Wimbledon final. "Steffi nis faus. Thursday with a power hits the ball as hard as Chris," said third round of the Australian Open, but when Stelli got into her power In the day's top men's matches, game I just thought, "What the hell second-seeded Swede Stefan Edberg am I going to do out here? She and third-seeded compatriot Mals never lets up. Steffi's amazing." Wilander scored straight-set second-

Simon Youl, respectively. the rubberized center court of the anything like that," she said. "I just new Finders Park Stadium by rid-go for my shots. I have no fear of ding Australian Thompson, 6-0, 6- hitting it. I guess it's just natural." is subject to an interest to a mong Australian 1 mounts on service. Nearly all the favored players is subject to an interest to a mong the original 128-entry draw among the original 128-entry draw hand in the women's game.

This is Graf's first time in Australia since 1984, when she was ing Thursday's matches. But Swe-beaten in a first-round match. "I den's 11th-seeded Peter Lundgren was only 15," said Graf, "but I went down to Australian John think I've improved since then." Frawley, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3, and South

Compiled in Our Staff From Departures: had warmed up with New Zealand singles titles here, was ousted by Edberg, the defending champion, the third round by defending MELBOURNE - West German Davis Cupper Chris Lewis, who Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden, 6-3, beat Mronz, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1, after over-champion and No. 5 seed Hana MELBOURNE - West German Davis Cupper Chris Lewis, who game: that demolished Janine Thompson after the 40-minute bar-Indexpson and vanited into the rage. I hit the ball well — I'm lit,

Graf said that, unlike former round victories over West German world No. I Martina Navratilova, Alexander Mronz and Australian she doesn't have a special regime imon Youl, respectively.

for building her power game. "I've
But Graf, 18, stole the show on never worked on muscle training or

in the men's and women's singles moved into the third round follow-Left-hander Thompson, 21 and African-born American Johan ranked 105th in the world said she Kriek, winner of the 1981 and 82

Open crowns in 1983-84. Last year Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the top seed here.

Since then, Wilander has re-

shaped his game, moving away from the baseline and attacking more aggressively. "A baseline game is not enough these days, especially against a guy like Lendl," Wilander said after his 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 decision over Youl. "Three years ago I didn't realize that. Now that my game has changed I don't feel defenseless, particularly against the top guys. Now I can destroy their game by coming to the net. It's a big difference, and it's more fun."

this tournament, which they have grass, but I think I can handle it." dominated in the past few years.

coming off-court problems. He ar-Gustafsson is scheduled for a rived here with 11 rackets and gave Kohde-Kilsch, No. 9 Lori McNeil third-round match against Wi- three of them to a Melbourne re- and No. 13 Catarina Lindqvist. lander, winner of the Australian stringer to have the tension adjust-

Thieves broke into the store Wilander reached the finals of the Wednesday night and stole 20 rack-French and U.S. Opens and the ets. including Edberg's favorites.

Masters, but lost all three to Ivan "Sure, I'll miss them," he said. "The grips were specially made for my hand — but I still have eight left."

> in another key match, women's No. 4 seed Pam Shriver of the United States maintained her confident form in outgunning South African Ros Fairbanks, 7-5, 6-0.

Shriver won the recent Queensland and New South Wales champi-onships, both played on grass. She has had little time to adjust to the spongy courts here, but she took the pace off the ball Thursday and read the surface well. "I feel good, but I'm having difficulty in adjusting to the bounce," she said after the The Swedes have six players in match. "It's much higher than on

Graf and Shriver were joined in

Mandlikova, No. 8 Claudia

Catherine Tanvier beat Jo Durie to earn a meeting with the Czechborn Mandlikova, who recently took out Australian citizenship. Durie's loss left Britain without a player in the last 32 of the men's or women's singles. (UPI, AP)

■ Cash Fined \$10,000

Wimbledon champion Pat Cash incurred a \$10,000 fine Thursday for an "audible obscenity" penalty during his opening-round match at the Australian Open, United Press International reported Thursday from Melbourne.

Cash, the tournament's fourth seed, had accumulated \$7,050 in fines during the 12 months leading up to the tournament

The Australian drew the latest penalty Monday for swearing during his match against Thomas Muster. Cash has 21 days in which to



Steffi Graf, during her rout of Janine Thompson: "I just go for my shots. . . . I guess it's just natural."

French Artistes Have the Leading Roles

By Bob Donahue

anal Revolu Tribune PARIS — Rugby is one of Europe's art forms, like opera or the three-hour lunch. Lately, the French coach, Jacques Fouroux, has even been likening past teams to Loire Valley châteaux. England's current team, which plays the French here Sanurday, is being panned at home like an awful movie. It's France vs. England in Paris and Ire-land vs. Scotland in Dublin to start the annual Five Nations serial before a critical house

FIVE NATIONS RUGBY PREVIEW

of millions. "Good match," some will say. Or "bloody awful — about as exciting as watching paint dry." Just winning isn't enough.

It helps, of course. If Foureux's 15 heroes win by a mile, the public murmur against him for dropping Denis Charvet will fade. Charvet is international rugby's classicst center. Marc Andrieu is burlier, since France's defeat by New Zealand in the World Cup final last June. Fouroux has been more partial than ever to burliness.

In both opening matches there will probably be more penalty goals than tries, so the two lonely referees will be influential. Players and fans will have the usual trouble abiding by the wonderful old notion, to quote a cricket panjandrum declaiming this week, that "the umpire's decision must be accepted

as correct even when manifestly wrong." Some of this year's buzz-questions: Can the World Cop's No. 2 team repeat last year's sweep of all four matches? Can any British Isles team win if the French don't beat themselves? When will France finally lose a Five Nations match at home? And who will win

the battle among England, Scotland, Irelandand, Wales to finish in fifth place? Nobody has won consecutive grand slams day after British rugby writers previewed the since England in 1923 and 1924. No captain Paris match on television. "It was doorn and ever has. When Daniel Dubroca, France's captain since 1986, talks skeptically about French

chances to bring it off, he is entitled to mean it. But what Dubroca worries about is losing on the road, in Edinburgh or Cardiff (see



Les Cusworth: At 33, still a foxy flyhalf.

Scoreboard for schedule). France hasn't lost a Five Nations match in Paris since 1982. In 11 straight victories at home, French teams have scored 29 tries and allowed 7.

Wales managed 11 consecutive Five Nations victories in Cardiff from 1969 to 1974, when France drew there, and then 15 more. It was Scotland that finally sent Wales crashing at the Arms Park, 34-18, in 1982. As it happens, the winners (27-15) in Paris

in 1982 were Englishmen - who had also won (17-13) in 1980, with Roger Uttley on the team. Uttley is part of the new management of a revamped squad, and the group has a refreshing North of England honesty about

Any of England's players who didn't see that TV show will have heard lots about it from Uttley & Co. by mid-afternoon Saturday. If I were French, I'd worry about that.

Les Cusworth, now 33 and out of international action since 1984, has been brought back at flyhalf for lack of younger talent. He is "playing better than he has ever played in his life," says his coach at Leicester, Peter Wheeler, Cusworth and flanker Peter Winterbottom were on the 1982 team.

At 5-foot-61/4 (1.68 meters), the foxy flyhalf will need spring in his old legs to survive the hunt. Heights in France's pack of forwards range up to lock Patrick Serrière's 6-foot-71/2, with weights to match. Cusworth will be counting on quick passes from his scrumhalf, Nigel Melville, another former star trying to make a comeback.

In Dublin, neither team starts the tournament with much confidence. Retirement, injury or poor form have eliminated an unusual number of key players. Scotland is missing John Rutherford, Colin Deans, Iain Milne, John Beattie and Keith Robertson, Ireland's absentees include Phil Orr, Ciaran Fitzgerald, Nigel Carr, Brian Spillane and Hugo MacNeill.

The Scotland-Ireland series is unique for its relative lack of statistical home advantage in the four decades since the war, whether at Murrayfield or at Lansdowne Road in Dublin. With all top players present, Scotland would be the favorite. As it is, it's a match of unknown quantities.

In Paris the unknowns are mental. The French have traditionally done poorly after success, and last year's grand slam plus World Cup final were success writ large. In recent years. France has been at its most vulnerable in its Five Nations opener. But the English, as a new team, will take at least half the match to get things to

Given the long odds, an English victory would make silk out of a sow's ear of a match. "Not a great game, but what a win!" the Brits would say. And the French would tip their berets, since winning is part of the art form.

SCOREBOARD

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don the British Open golf tourna-Oment, the only major English sports events without a corporate sponsor in their names. Ted Croker, the FA secretary. said negotiations with John Courage brewers had been broken off because of a dispute over corporate the three-year, £5 million contract

FA Cup," Croker said. "We have extremely unlikely that the FA Cup will be sponsored."

Croker said the FA's executive committee was "not happy with the terms and conditions, and decided there was no reason for continuing the discussions." The four-and-a-half-year deal proposed by Courage would have

been the biggest sponsorship in English sports. The richest currently is

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it. No fat heads. -John Burgess, president of the Rugby Football Union, got mad in London the other gloom," Burgess complained, "I thought I was attending a bloody funeral. All we saw were frozen faces, as if they were going to a gas chamber rather than talking about a rug-by match."

Figini, who will defend her 1984 downhill gold medal next month at

Clippers Nip Lakers,

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Dailey hit the tying basket and set up the crucial score, a driving lay-up by Larry Drew with 23 seconds left in overtime, as the Los Angeles Clippers stunned the Los Angeles Lakers, 110-109, Wednesday night ball Association's longest win-

the league this season.

The Clippers trailed by 106-104 with 1:03 left in overtime before Dailey hit a bank shot that just beat the 24-second clock. Dailey then stole a pass by Magic Johnson and fed Drew, who raced in for his lay-up. Benoit Benjamin hit two free throws with six seconds to go, and Johnson connected on a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

the first half, but the first time their comeback attempt was thwarted. "We've been toying with it, and it caught up to us,"
said Michael Cooper. "I think
we've learned our lesson about getting in ditches. We have to start jumping on teams from the start.

WORLD CUP SKIING

the World Cup ski season here the Olympic Games, mastered the icy 2,800-meter (9,186-foot) course in 1 minute, 55.16 seconds. Canadian Karen Percy, racing with her broken left thumb held together by wire, stitches and a

Diablerets. But officials hurriedly advanced the race after weather reports calling for snow on Friday.

The change forced organizers to schedule a final practice run twoand-a-half hours before the event. "My legs were feeling a little

she shot down the course in flat light that made judging distances and level changes difficult.

China to Compete In Summer Games

China confirmed Thursday that it would compete at the Summer Olympics in Scoul, ignoring North Korea's appeal for a boycott by communist nations unless it is allowed to co-host the Games. "We received China's official confirmation by mail," said an Interna-

tional Olympic Committee spokes-woman. The Soviet Union earlier

this week confirmed that it would

compete, following acceptances from other Eastern bloc countries. boycott the Games unless it is recognized as co-host and permitted to stage several major events. On Thursday, it announced the formation of a committee to negotiate with South Korea on co-hosting. which Seoul and the IOC have re jected as impossible.

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aggregate. Porto and Juventus are the only teams ever to hold the European Champions' Cup, the World Club Cup and the Super Cup simultaneously (the Super Cup competition pits the Champions' and Cup Winners' Cup titlists). Porto completed the triple despite the losses through trades of star striker Paolo Futre and, since the first-leg match with Ajax, winger Rabah Madjer. FA Cup Deal: Beer Bust The Associated Press LONDON — A £20 million never put the cup up for sale, we (\$36.4 million) proposal by a brew-have never invited offers. We had a ery to sponsor England's top soccer direct approach from a sponsor, tournament was rejected Thursday but it has been turned down. It is by the Football Association. The decision means that the FA Cup remains, along with Wimble-

Porto Wins Cup, Completes Triple

With Jaime Magalhaes, above, typifying a ball-control first half and Antonio de Sousa scoring in the 70th minute. Porto registered a 1-0 home-field victory over Ajax of Amsterdam

Wednesday night to wix soccer's European Super Cup on 2-0

identification. We were not pre-pared to change the name of the 92-team English Football League

Figini, Winner of Downhill, Widens Lead Over Walliser

ZINAL, Switzerland — Michela Figini won her second downhill of Thursday by nearly a second, and surged ahead in her points race with Swiss teammate Maria Walliser.

Halt Streaks

LOS ANGELES - Quintin and haited the National Basket-

ning streak since 1982.

The Lakers, who came from 12 points down to tie the game in regulation, had won 15 straight; the 1981-82 Boston Celtics racked up 18 consecutive victonies. Having dropped their last eight encounters with the Lak-ers, the Clippers also ended an 11-game skid — the longest in

It was the fifth straight game in which the Lakers had fallen behind by at least nine points in

"The Clippers deserved it," said Laker Coach Pat Riley. "But we're 26-7. I think we'll be (UPI, AP) back."

tired after we had a training run and a race on the same day, Figini said. "But I guess I had fewer problems than the others." Percy, who broke her thumb freestyle skiing last week, said she had trouble holding her poles as

LAUSANNE, Switzerland -

North Korea has said it would

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OBSERVER

The Wall Street Minuet

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — After the stock market's October blowout Wall Street said it was Washington's fault. What caused it, said Wall Street, was President Reason's farmus wooden content in the stock the tax fall for Wall Street was resident reasons. gan's famous voodoo economics: spend and spend, and tax not, tax not, tax not

Just couldn't do that and get away with it, said Wall Street, putting heavy pressure on Washington for new taxes, whining when Washington took its sweet old time about new taxings. Got to get that mind-blowing deficit down, said Wall Street, and fast.

Washington going about it slow, dragging leet, hating to spring new taxes so soon before elections that made Wall Street cross. Those cheap politicos, said Wall Street; world's going to the dogs, and they

still won't tax, tax, tax.

After all those sweet-smelling. profit-churning, voodoo-dollar 1980 years of raking in the booty with nary a grumpy old Puritan gripe about deficit finance, those Wall Street guys went suddenly bonkers because Washington shocking! shocking! — was running a delicit.

Washington believed in Wall Street. Wall Street was one of the things Reaganism was all about. Anybody who said "Wall Street doesn't know what it's talking about" would have been put out of the Cabinet, the Congress and, worse, off television.

And why not? Didn't they always know on Wall Street? The market went up, they could tell you why in the next edition: "Market rose on strength of new figures issued by War Graves Commission." Market goes down, they're just as "Despite good interest-rate news, falling demand for animated movie cartoons jolted the market

So in Washington hardly anybody said: "How come, if they're so smart, those Wall Street guys weren't all over us for big big taxes long before the market blowout? How come they waited until the day after to share their wisdom?"

Well, it was done, the Wall Street bill of goods bought in D.C., new taxings decreed, though not enough to satisfy Puritan financiers who declared nothing less than moaning

masses of tax-stricken Americans

man's mark, you poor sap. You took the tax fall for Wall Street without even saying. "Now wait a minute, first of all I want to know about this program trading."

You don't know what program trading is, folks? Welcome to the society of the hopelessly baffled. But never mind. The New York Times has people who do know what program trading is, even if they can't explain it.

The Times account of the study by a presidential commission assigned to look into causes of the market blowout says program trading was vital to the collapse. Here is a pretty good Times effort to explain program trading, so hold onto your wits and read carefully:

"Portfolio insurance is a computer trading strategy used by institutional investors to protect paper gains or offset losses on stock holdings. When the stock market falls a certain amount -usually 3 percent - managers using the strategy self a mathematically determined amount of stock index futures to protect against a decline in the value of their clients' stock portfolios.

That, in turn, sets the wheels in motion for stock index arbitrage, in which computers take advantage of tiny discrepancies between the stock index futures - which represent a basket of stocks - and the stocks themselves. The arbitragers buy the cheaper contracts and sell the stocks that make up the index. which, of course, drives down stock

The electronics machinery made it possible for portfolio insurance managers in October to sell off billions in stocks while small-time investors were struggling to reach their brokers on jammed telephone

Too complicated to be understood so quickly? Never mind. Understanding the mechanics isn't necessary to grasping the point, which is that the big blowout had comparatively little to do with the federal deficit, inadequate taxes, or voodoo economies. So the tax min-

uet Washington danced to Wall Street's tune was irrelevant. In short? The Wall Street blowout was not Washington's fault. It was Wall Street's fault.

New York Times Service

The Big Ring Theory of David Hykes

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

D ARIS — Musical spirituality

Linvolves a combination of quality, intensity, acoustics and creative listening. It comes through when performer and listeners resonate together. Something universal must appear to be

David Hykes does not presume that his music is necessarily more spiritual than anybody else's. He believes the term is used promiscuously. "Spirituality is a result, not a starting point," he says, "and it's impossible to define." Hykes hopes to reach our intellectual and physical as well as spiritual side. He would like "to discover a sort of contemporary

Hykes directs and writes for the a coppella Harmonic Choir, which sings what he calls "harmonic chant." He speaks of a "unified field," meaning the combining of traditional elements (Tibetan and Mongolian Hoomi Tantric chant, Hebrew and Islamic liturgical music, Gregorian chant) with avant-garde uses of intonation. Hykes describes the choir's vocabulary as "the sum total of ways a singer can sing both a fundamental tone and at the same time one or more harmonic over-

The harmonic, or overtone, series is to sound what the color spectrum is to light. Strike a bass note on the piano and you will hear the sympathetic vibrations it generates. Each "root" has its own harmonic series above it. Harmonics are the genetic material of all musical sound. To sing more than one note at a time, the body must act as a resonating chamber. It starts in the abdomen. From the throat up is a room which you change the size and shape of with your tongue and mouth. After learning to growl a fundamental pitch while sustaining a harmonic, you learn to sustain two. They can be moved individually or in parallel. One can be held while the others move. The fundamental can go down as the harmonics go up or the reverse. The fundamental resembles a bass saxophone, the

harmonic a flute or a whistle. All

of this exists in a twilight dimen-

When John Coltrane "split"

sion beyond mere in-tuneness.

ics. When Jimi Hendrix fed the sound source, his guitar, back into amplifier, the (electronically dis-torted) overtones screamed. When an operatic contralto breaks a wine glass, it's the har-monies at work. Hykes believes that "no music has the same intensity as the human voice.

He grew up in Taos, New Mexico, and he now realizes that the overtones of the traditional songs sung to him by his Pueblo nurse had something basic to do with the direction his life was to take. In Antioch College, Ohio, he played drums in a student band directed by a visiting professor. Cecil Taylor, in New York he made experimental films. Searching for an electronically treated "refracted" or "prismatic" sound for his "Moving Parts," screened at the Whitney Museum in 1974. he was led to the Tantric singing of the Tibetan Gyuto monks and Dalai Lama's Gyume monks. He listened to what few records there were and started to learn

A "wonderful elderly Mongolian" named Gombojab Hangin. who teaches at the University of Indiana, arranged for Hykes to accompany him on a trip to Mongolia, ostensibly to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the People's Republic. Between "an endless round of celebratory socialist speeches and factory visits, Hykes learned more about the ancient Tantric singing tradition. "It is said to have originated

near a sacred waterfall in western Mongolia where the geographical resonance of the space produces harmonics. The monks say that this is where mother nature chose to teach mankind about these laws. The Mongolian origins inspired the Tibetans who developed the technique after the 15th century.

The 34-year-old Hykes is an unpretentious, communicative and worldly man who can speak about good jazz and rock (and good wines) as well as basic musical laws. But he is reluctant to speak of his pilgrimage. "I came to Paris in 1986 because I have had a long-standing interest in the teachings of G.I. Gurdjiell and Paris is a major center for the



Hykes, discovering "a sort of contemporary sacred music."

opportunistic."

Peter Brook's film about Gurdieff, Meetings With Remarkable Men," to be his "most important musical experience." He and the choir continue to be artists-inresidence (since 1979) at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, although he now spends roughly half the year studying, teaching, composing and performing in Paris. His non-profit Harmonic Arts Society has received funding from, among others, the U.S. National Endowment for the Arts, the Asian Cultural Council and the UNESCO Fund for the Promotion of Cul-

people, it would make me seem derstand how the timeless values of sacred and traditional music He considers his soundtrack for can come to life in a contempo-

rary framework." The Harmonic Choir is sometimes associated with a contemporary category the industry calls "New Age" music (also called "metaphysical Muzak"). Hykes objects. Will Ackerman, the gui-tarist and founder of Windham Hill records, the central label to this acoustical music phenomenon, in an article titled "Separating Music From Hype" in Frets magazine, wrote: "To be regarded as one of the progenitors of New Age music is a little like being joined at the waist to a Siamese twin with bad breath." followers of his ideas. But I feel it ture. The society's brochure exist not my place to talk about these plains that it is "searching to unleased an album called: "The the Big Ring."

Hyles is resigned to rejecting categorization. Newsweek listed his choir's first album, "Hearing Solar Winds," as one of the best classical albums of 1982, The New York Times made it a "pop pick" (it has sold over 60,000 copies). "I hate the term 'New Age." he says. "It implies passiv-ity on the part of the listener. What we understand as listening is really a limited perception. We tend to listen through a filter we say, 'Oh, this is classical music' or 'This is jazz.' Then we turn the switch off. You have to listen, not think about listening. It should reveal something universal. Harmonic Music is based on a principle that is constant everywhere. The overtone series is a universal truth free of stylistic or cultural

The members of the choir include an architect, a medical writer, a painter, an ethnomusicologist and the composer Carter Burwell, who has scored music for "Arizona Junior," "Psycho III" and other films. They have in common an interest in making spiritual music — and the ability to sing more than one note at the

"For the monks, the presence of harmonics is a sign that they are resonating spiritually, that the angels are singing with them," says Hykes, who prefers to perform and record in places like the church of the 12th-century Abhave du Thoronet in Provence. where the resonance is ideal for

amplifying the overtones. It's not about technical wizardry. There's already too much of that in today's music. However, I have nothing against technology in principle. I use synthesizers that can store up to 40 different tunings in their memory to help me when I compose. I compose all the music the choir sings, although each singer has space to improvise. The significance of the harmonic series as both a source and an aesthetic standard for composition lies in its organic lawfulness and proportion. The harmonic series is even implicated in cosmologist David Bohm's the-ories as the ordering principle in the vast harmonizing of energies that lead to the Big Bang, which might more accurately be called

PEOPLE

Madonna Statue Lives, But Not in Italy

Plans to erect a statue of the singer Madouna in the village her Italian grandparents left in the 1920s have been canceled. The president of the Naples-based "Friends of Show Business" said at a press conference that work would be completed on the statue, which depicts Madonna in a dance pose wearing a bikini. The four-meter-high (13-foot) likeness will not be erected in the village of Pacentro in the Abruzzi mountains of central Italy, Gianni Volpe said, "but we're going to complete the statue and take it round the world." Madonna has never visited Pacentro.

The National Gallery of Art in Washington says Melina Mercouri, the Greek minister of culture, will attend the opening on Jan. 26 of a five-city traveling exhibition of ancient Greek art. The show. Human Figure in Ancient Greek Art," will be seen in Washington; Kansas City, Missouri; Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston over the next 20 months.

Three British newspapers said Thursday that Prince Andrew's wife, Sersh, is expecting the cou-ple's first child. Buckingham Palace would neither deny nor confirm the report.

The French choreographer Maurice Béjart canceled two performances in Lausanne after a disappointing opening night for his ballet "Malraux — Metamorphosis of the Gods," when spectators booed and said they could not see. Bejart, who moved his troupe from Brussels to Switzerland last year. offered refunds and had the seats in the vast hall of the Palais de Beaulieu theater raised to help solve the problem. Although the performance received a standing ovation at the end, Bejart said in a statement Thursday that he had can-celed the remaining shows out of respect to the public. The hall was not sufficiently transformed for ballet performances, he said.

Novy Mir, the Soviet literary monthly, has begun publishing in-stallments of Boris Pasternak's "Doctor Zhivago," which had been banned since its publication if 1958 helped win its author the No bel Prize for literature.

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